

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 28, 2004

5:30 P.M.

The following is a record of the minutes made and acted upon by the Wallingford Town Council at its Special Meeting held on June 28, 2004. The meeting was Called to Order by Council Chairman, James M. Vumbaco, at 5:31 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 Vincenzo M. DiNatale, Lois Doherty, Stephen W. Knight, Iris F. Papale, Michael Spiteri, Vincent F. Testa and James M. Vumbaco and Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Mr. Vumbaco: The first order of business, Iris, Number 2.

Ms. Papale: Number 2 is to Consider and Approve 5% of the local share for the Town of Wallingford for the funding of \$27,808,000 for the Vocational-Agricultural addition to Lyman Hall High School for the Purpose of a Grant Application to the State of Connecticut – Board of Education

Mr. Vumbaco: Do we have a second?

Mr. Testa: Second.

Mr. Vumbaco: Mr. Testa seconded. Is there any discussion on the part of the Council?

Indecipherable discussion off microphones.

Mr. Vumbaco: You're right. It should say 'the local share of 5%'.

Mr. Testa: May I suggest that we change the word 'of' to the word 'as'.

Mr. Vumbaco: We can just change it to the local share of 5%.

Mr. Knight: 5% comma the local share. (5%, the local share)

Mr. Vumbaco: OK, that's good.

Ms. Papale: Consider and Approve 5%, the local share for the Town of Wallingford for the funding of \$27,808,000 for the Vocational-Agricultural addition to Lyman Hall High School for the Purpose of a Grant Application to the State of Connecticut – Board of Education. So moved.

Mr. Testa: Second.

Mr. Vumbaco: OK, are we all set?

Mayor Dickinson: Mr. Chairman, I assume that this isn't the actual appropriation of funds, this is just a commitment?

Mr. Vumbaco: A commitment for them to apply for the grant.

Mayor Dickinson: I just want to state again that I don't think this is a good idea with us not having completed Lyman Hall and be much further into the renovation project.

Mr. Vumbaco: Thank you, Bill. OK, we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? May we have a Roll Call please?

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

Mr. Vumbaco: Motion passes. Thank you. Item #3.

Ms. Papale: Discussion and action regarding the transfer of approximately \$10,200 in the Water Division budget for materials and labor costs for repair to water main breaks asked for by the Water Department. So moved.

Mr. Testa: Second

Mr. Vumbaco: Mr. Testa seconded. OK. Roger.

Roger Dann: At your last meeting, I adjusted my labor budget and no sooner had that been adjusted for the end of the year, and we had a string of water main breaks. Much of the cost is actually in both the overtime but in the paving budget, and so we're back to make sure we cover that. The other thing I would note because you'll probably see me

mentioning this again is we will have some permanent pavement repairs to be made at the site. The major break was at Kondracki and Shady Lane. We won't get to that until next year but it will be a substantial dollar amount. We'll come back next year for additional funds for that work.

Mr. Vumbaco: OK. Any questions by any members of the Council? (Pause) We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed?

All ayes. None opposed. Motion passes.

Mr. Vumbaco: Thanks, Roger.

Ms. Papale: #4 Discussion and action regarding appropriation of \$390,000 of State of Connecticut funds (two grants of \$150,000 and one grant of \$90,000) to Account 302-1403-815-3051-00 for Phase II of the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail construction asked for by the Town Engineer. So moved.

Mr. Knight: Second.

John Thompson: Without getting into a four year history of the process, we received three separate commitments from the bond commission, \$150,000 back in December (2003) and \$90,000 and in March (2004) and \$150,000 on Friday, June 25th (2004) so this request is for the (undecipherable word) of that money and the appropriation of same for use on the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail.

Mr. Vumbaco: OK. Thank you. Any questions from the Council?

Mr. Spiteri: So where is it that we stand with Phase II? We have bids in? Is this money going to take care of that Phase completely? Are we ready to go or do we have constraints with D.O.T.? Any problems down the road that you see that would keep this from happening?

Mr. Thompson: As soon as the Council acts on this appropriation. I had a conversation with the contractor this afternoon. We have state authorization to proceed. He will receive notice of award tomorrow, and we expect to sign a contract in ten days with construction commencing in the fall.

Mayor Dickinson: I just wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that this is for the tunnel alone. This does not deal with the bridge, and it does not deal with the trail approaching. It deals with the tunnel alone, so obviously there will be other appropriations needed to handle other

aspects of the trail, so we don't end up with a situation where people say, gee here's the tunnel, and we can't reach the tunnel without spending a lot more money. That's exactly what this is.

Mr. Vumbaco: John, for the sake of the record, we're appropriating the funding and we're going to get it back once the initial appropriation is completed, correct? So this is just a wash, correct?

Mr. Thompson: Yes.

Mr. Vumbaco: Any other questions by the Council? We have a motion and a second, those in favor? Opposed? So moved.

Mr. Thompson: Thank you.

Ms. Papale: I make a motion that we adjourn.

Mr. Knight: Second.

Mr. Vumbaco: We have a motion and a second to adjourn. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. I'd like to thank the Council for coming on such short notice.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

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Town Clerk Date