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# TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

June 24, 2008 6:30 P.M.

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman Mike Brodinsky Called the Meeting to Order at 6:34 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Council Secretary Sandra Weekes were Councilors Michael Brodinsky, Nick Economopoulos, Gerald E. Farrell, Jr., John LeTourneau, Robert F. Parisi and Rosemary Rascati. Councilor Vincenzo M. DiNatale arrived at the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Michael Spiteri and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. were absent from the meeting due to illness. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also present.

A Moment of Silence began the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Roll Call was taken.

# 2. Chairman's Report

Chairman Brodinsky announced that the Item 12/P.U.C. will be moved up in the agenda, and there will be two Rule V for items not anticipated. He read from a memo from the Town Engineer, John Thompson, which addressed the current status of Community Lake following a meting with the DEP.

# 3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#545 #569) totaling \$32,726.59 Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
- **3b.** Consider and Approve a Policy for Marketing the American Legion Building in accordance with the attached. Chairman Mike Brodinsky
- **3c.** Consider and approve a Policy concerning the formation of the Wallingford Energy Conservation Committee.
- 3d. Consider and Approve an Appropriation in the amount of \$700,000 to Revenue State Grant Acct # 246-1020-040-4010 and to Rehabilitation \$640,000 Acct # 246-7700-783-7991 and to Rehab Program Costs \$10,000 Acct # 246-7700-783-7992 and to Administration and Oversight \$50,000 Acct # 246-7700-783-7993 Grants Administrator
- 3e. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$15,500 to Various Accounts from Community Grants Acct # 001-3020-905-9021 for FY 2008-2009 Youth and Social Services

- 3f. Resolution for a continuation grant for FY 2008-09 in the amount of \$60,000 to the Wallingford Youth Services Bureau from the State of Connecticut Department of Education -Youth and Social Services
- 3g. Consider and Approve Special Town Council Meeting/Workshop Minutes of May 13, 2008
- 3h. Consider and Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2008
- 3i. Consider and Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2008

### **MOTION**

Chairman Brodinsky moved to accept Consent Agenda Items 3a., 3d. to 3i. Mr. Farrell seconded.

All Councilors (6) voted Aye, with the exception of 3b. and 3c. which were removed from the Consent Agenda. The motion passed. At this time Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were not present.

Chairman Brodinsky announced that Mr. Parisi and Ms Rascati would abstain from Item 3b. It was pointed out that 3b. failed for lack of five affirmative votes. At this time Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were not present.

## 4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Chairman Brodinsky announced that Item 3c.was removed from the Consent Agenda and will appear on the July agenda and at that meeting a committee will be appointed for the Energy Conservation Commission. The policy that is being proposed is that in the July Council Meeting, the Council would make the appointments to the Commission. He said that the proposal is that the Council will not fix the number of people that would sit. He said that the members of that committee should be advocates on energy conservation. He said that hopefully the committee could have an organizational meeting in July or August. He said that the Council has an interest in interviewing those who have submitted their names. He said that it would be posted as a Special Meeting.

# WAIVE RULE V

# MOTION

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to Waive Rule V for the purpose of taking up an item to Schedule a Public Hearing with regard to the Vocation Agricultural Building bonding. Mr. Parisi seconded

All Councilors (6) voted Aye to Waive Rule V. The motion passed. At this time, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were not present.

#### **MOTION**

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to Schedule a Public Hearing for July 15, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. with regard to the Vocation Agricultural Building bonding for \$23,997,503. Mr. Farrell seconded.

There were no comments.

All Councilors (6) voted Aye to schedule the Public Hearing. The motion passed. At this time, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were not present.

# 5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, asked for at Recycling Center and the new hours. Mayor Dickinson reviewed the bidding for the contract, and said the new contract is for two years. The center will be open for 24 hours per week, which is related to actual usage, and reduces the town's cost per tonnage. It was to balance usfulness against cost. He said that the new hours would be Mon., Thurs., and Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Jason Zandri, 35 Lincoln Drive, read part of an article from a newspaper article regarding grants with regard to state grants for railroad station refurbishment. Don Roe, Director Program Planning, said that Wallingford is not an eligible community. Mr. Zandri wanted to know if there was a body or a group that were constantly researching grants for transportation hubs, and he noted the work in the area of Wallingford's train station. Mr. Roe said that the initiative coming from Planning and Zoning, which was before the Council, is to take a look at the potential (of the area around the train station), and that his office is aware of grant opportunities. Mayor Dickinson said that the Planning and Zoning issue is using state grant money for the hiring of someone to develop a downtown program to specifications Mr. Roe said that to the extent that his office and other bodies that are paying attention to the development of that commuter rail, the answer is yes. He asked has anything presented itself as an opportunity for funding, and then answered that he is not aware of any. He said that the last refurbishment of the railroad station was done with federal grants in each phases of the downtown streetscape activities.

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Drive, referred to Charter Revision and asked questions about a process that would allow a committee to be formed and how any recommendations would be taken up.

Mayor Dickinson in response to Mr. Parisi said that he would look into an extension of recycling hours and added that it is a matter of cost.

6. Conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. for Neighborhood Assistance Program – Program Planning

In Attendance: Don Roe, Grants Administrator

Chairman Brodinsky opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M.

Chairman Brodinsky explained how the Neighborhood Assistance Program works to which Mr. Roe concurred. There were no questions from the public.

Councilor Parisi asked if an organization is required to complete an application every year. Mr. Roe responded saying that in the past there was a provision for multi-year applications but is now done on a yearly basis and that organizations need to apply for this grant each year.

There were no other comments.

Chairman Brodinsky called the Public Hearing closed at 7:08 P.M.

7. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit to the Department of Revenue Services the approved list of Neighborhood Assistance Programs, to execute other documents as may be required to accept funding available, to execute any amendments, recisions and revisions thereto and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wallingford – Grants Administrator

#### **MOTION**

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to authorize the Mayor to submit to the Department of Revenue Services the approved list of Neighborhood Assistance Programs, to execute other documents as may be required to accept funding available, to execute any amendments, recisions and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wallingford as requested by the Grants Administrator.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

## **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. DiNatale – absent; Mr. Economopoulos – yes; Mr. Farrell – yes; Mr. LeTourneau – yes; Mr. Parisi – yes; Ms. Rascati – yes; Mr. Spiteri – absent; Mr. Testa – absent; Chairman Brodinsky – yes.

The motion passed.

- 8. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$40,000 to Maintenance of Equipment Acct # 001-2005-570-5800 from Contingency Acct # 001-7060-800-3190
  - Police Chief

Chairman Brodinsky said that Item 8 as printed is withdrawn, and there is a substitute for Item 8. He said that the Council needs to Waive Rule V for the purposes of the transfer for the Police station work. He said that there is a change in the amount of the transfer from \$40,000 to \$60,000 using the same accounts as in the first transfer request.

# WAIVE RULE V

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to Waive Rule V for the purpose of taking up a replacement transfer for \$60,000. Mr. Parisi seconded the motion.

All Councilors (6) voted Aye to Waive Rule V. The motion passed. At this time, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were not present.

#### **MOTION**

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$60,000 to Maintenance of Equipment Acct # 001-2005-570-5800 from Contingency Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 as requested by the Police Chief to pay for damages to police systems caused by lightening at the police facility. Mr. Parisi seconded the motion.

There were no comments from the Council.

Jason Zandri asked about insurance reimbursement. The Mayor responded saying that will be forthcoming less the deductible of approximately \$5,000.

All Councilors (6) voted Aye. The motion passed. At this time, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent.

- 12. Report regarding selection of N. Harris Computer Corporation as the vendor for utility billing and information system and approval of funding for contracting with N. Harris Computer Corporation as follows:
  - a. Approve and Electric Division budget for \$458,300 for the Electric Division's share of the cost of a new Customer Information System, increasing Acct # 391 Office Furniture and Equipment and decreasing Appropriation from Retained Earnings—Electric Division
  - b. Approve a Water Division budget amendment for \$135,000 for the Water Division's share of the cost of a new Customer Information System, increasing Acct # 433-9012-391 Office Furniture and Equipment and increasing Appropriation from Retained Earnings Cash for Rate Stabilization
  - c. Approve a Sewer Division budget amendment for \$135,000 for the Sewer Division's share of the cost of a new Customer Information System, increasing Acct # 463-9012-391 Office Furniture and Equipment and increasing Appropriation from Retained Earnings Cash for Rate Stabilization

Chairman Brodinsky read the Item 12, including items for all three utility divisions.

George Adair, Director Public Utilities, commented on the request, saying that Chris Lucht, Network Administrator, led the team that put together the RFP and will be dealing with the implementation of the system. He said that the Utilities Division relies on the billing software package to produce all of its bills for 25,000 electric customers and for 14,000 water and sewer customers. He said that the current vendor will be ending support for the software at the end of this calendar year, so they are requesting the budget amendments of \$727,448 and to report out on the process for the selection of the vendor.

Chris Lucht, Network Administrator, said that this project began in April of 2006 when the project team was formed to select a new a CIS product and to develop an RFP. The team represents accounting and customer service functions from Electric, Water and Sewer Divisions. He said that they spoke with Utilities Departments in Groton and Norwich.

They verified end of support with the current vendor. In June 2006, they obtained approval for bid waiver, and also at that time approval for the RFP process. The result of the RFP, which was issued in March of 2007, was to evaluate the proposals, generate a short list, schedule site visits and demos and select a product and to report back. He said that the RFP was distributed to twenty-four (24) companies, and they had six (6) responses in April of 2007. In July 2007, they developed a list of four (4) qualified vendors, whom they interviewed and references were contacted. The list was narrowed to two vendors, so they visited South Norwalk and Freeport, NY, as they were running the two systems that Wallingford was interested in. They selected Advanced Utility Systems, which is a division of N. Harris Computer Corporation. He presented the credentials for Advanced Utility Systems, saying they have a large presence in the utility billing industry with over 85 customers. Mr. Lucht said that this is a ten-year undertaking and that all of the N. Harris products have a guarantee for "software for life", meaning they can switch to another Harris product if necessary for a minimal license transfer fee. He said that there is ongoing maintenance with a fixed amount for the 1st five years, followed by a 5% increase per year. He said that bills will look as much like the current bills as possible. They will be able to generate reports and that there is flexibility in the area of rate changes, which is currently hired out. There was discussion on a feature for online bill payment and the cost of a paperless payment system.

#### MOTION

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to approve the budget amendments for funding 12.a. 12.b. and 12.c as set forth in the agenda. Mr. LeTourneau seconded.

All Councilors (6) voted Aye. The motion passed. At this time, Mr. DiNatale, Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on the Law Department's opinion regarding whether a contract with the Third-Party Administrator for the self insured health plan must be bid, if the Council does not waive the bid – Chairman Mike Brodinsky

Chairman Brodinsky read the item, noting that the Third-Party Administrator is Anthem. He said that the opinion of the Town Attorney was that the selection of the Third-Party Administrator did not need to be bid, and it appears that Anthem has been or will be selected. Mayor Dickinson said when there are no issues left, such as rates under the new format, the town will enter into a contract. Discussion continued addressing RFPs and the bidding process, flexibility with bargaining units, that the contract be in sync with all of the bargaining units, the mandates of the Town Charter and that State of Connecticut law puts collective bargaining ahead of the Town Charter. Members of the public who contributed to the discussion included Bob Hogan, Grieb Road, Lucille Trzcinski, 25 Turnberry Road, Ken Daly, 594 North Elm Street, Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Drive, Vincent Avalone, Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, and Wes Lubee, Montowese Trail. Councilor Nick Economopoulos suggested that the savings of this program to the town for the Third-Party Administrator program be used by the BOE to fund healthcare for teaching paraprofessionals.

Mr. DiNatale arrived near the end of this discussion at 8:25 P.M.

No action was taken.

10. Discussion and possible action on a resolution that, before a road is accepted as a public road, developers may select the names of roads within their project without the requirement of picking from a list of street names approved by the Council. A list of suggested road names will be maintained, and a developer may select a name from that list, but is not required to do so. Road names shall continue to be subject to present administrative review for public safety concerns, etc. - Chairman Mike Brodinsky

Chairman Brodinsky read the item, and said that the item is from an Ordinance Committee discussion, who voted in favor of what is presented in item 10, which in effect reverses the current policy.

#### MOTION

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to adopt the resolution that, before a road is accepted as a public road, developers may select the names of roads within their project without the requirement of picking from a list of street names approved by the Council. A list of suggested road names will be maintained, and a developer may select a name from that list, but is not required to do so. Road names shall continue to be subject to present administrative review for public safety concerns, etc. Ms. Rascati seconded

Mr. Farrell said that there are very few opportunities for a community to honor those who have done good for the town. He said that it is regrettable to walk away from that. He said that what this means is that there will not be a Trzcinski Trail or Rascati Road or Letourneu Lane. When you look at the very few opportunities, the town doesn't have a vast number of buildings or parks or other things that we can name after people who have lived and loved this community. This is one of the very few ways that we can do something about it. He said that it is inherently the right of the town to name a road, and he doesn't believe the town should give that away.

Mr. Parisi acknowledged Mr. Farrell's comments and said that he agrees with Mr. Farrell He said that it brought some stability to a situation that was not stable at the time that it was implemented and said that he didn't think that this policy held up any developer.

Jason Zandri. Lincoln Drive, Sharon Sanders, South Cherry Street, Lucille Trzcinski, 25 Turnberry Road, Ben Martin, Ward Street, Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Drive and Wes Lubee, Montowese Trail, contributed comments to the debate.

Mr. Farrell said that part of the reason for doing the roads is to get people interested in the history of the town. He told a story about a Wallingford road named for Whittlesey that through research eventually became the subject of a college paper. He said that Reverend Samuel Whittlesey's home was on the location of this Town Hall, so he thinks that road names should be for people connected to the town because it gets people interested and rooted in the community.

Ms. Rascati said that this pointed out that the list is still available and that developer's now will have a choice. She asked why is the Council in the road naming business.

Mr. DiNatale referred to the two most recent requests for road names when Council told one group that they had to follow the rules, and the name presented was rejected; and the

council told the second group that they didn't have to follow the rules, and they could pick any name they wanted. He said in theory we should take into consideration some of the historical names and apply it to road names but the process that we have now doesn't work as evidenced by the inconsistency in the latest two requests. He said that until we have a better system, then he is in favor of the motion to let people select their own names.

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Mr. LeTourneau said that he agrees with Ms. Rascati and that with the exception of the Indian names, the list of names has not disappeared. He said that for historic purposes there are other ways, such as a memorial park or a tree planting with a plaque.

Mr. Parisi said that we don't want to lose sight of the fact that there were many roads named without any problem through Planning and Zoning, and we had only one or two issues. He said that there is no impetus for the developer to follow the list.

Mr. Economopoulos said that he thought having dignified people on this list that a contractor could be asked to honor one of them with a road name. He said that he thinks Wallingford should have some Native American road names. He doesn't think that the Council should be in the road naming business. He said that he would vote in favor of the motion but that the Council should not lose sight of what Mr. Farrell and Mr. Parisi have said. Continuing, he said it should be important for us to find a way to honor Wallingford people in road naming, if we choose.

Chairman Brodinsky clarified yes and no votes and re-read the motion before calling for the vote.

## **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. DiNatale – yes; Mr. Economopoulos – yes; Mr. Farrell – no;

Mr. LeTourneau – yes; Mr. Parisi – no; Ms. Rascati – yes;

Mr. Spiteri – absent; Mr. Testa – absent; Chairman Brodinsky – yes.

The motion passed to adopt this policy. Chairman Brodinsky said that this is not an ordinance.

Chairman Brodinsky returned to the Consent Agenda since the Consent Agenda Addendum was overlooked when Item 3 was voted upon. He also said at that time 3b.did not have five (5) votes.

# Consent Agenda Addendum

- 3j. Consider and Approve a transfer in the Amount of \$300 to Labor Acct # 001-1300-101-1000 from Purchased Services-Negotiations Acct # 001-1300-901-9002 Mayor
- 3k. Application to the South Central Regional Council of Government for FTA Transit Enhancement Grant-Town Engineer
  - a. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$8,000 to Bus Shelter Acct # 001-5010-999-0026 and to Federal Grant – Bus Shelter Acct # 001-1050-050-5885
  - **b.** Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,000 to Bus Shelter Acct # 001-5010-999-0026 from Contingency-General Acct # 001-7060-800-3190

#### **MOTION**

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to accept Consent Agenda 3b. and Consent Agenda Addendum Items 3j. and 3k. Mr. Economopoulos seconded.

There was no discussion

## **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. DiNatale – yes; Mr. Economopoulos – yes; Mr. Farrell – yes; Mr. LeTourneau – yes; Mr. Parisi was out of the room at the time of the vote; Ms. Rascati – abstain to 3b. and yes to 3j. and 3k; Mr. Spiteri – absent; Mr. Testa – absent; Chairman Brodinsky – yes.

3b. - 5 yes

3j. & 3k. 6 yes

The motion passed.

- 11. Report from the Mayor and the Law Department on the status of
  - a. The police station study

Mayor Dickinson said that the town has entered into a contract and that there is a meeting scheduled with the Police Chief and the consultant.

b. 390 Center Street, including the status of demolition permits, if any

Mayor Dickinson said that a survey will take place this week for hazardous materials, such as, asbestos, and that it will be performed by the contractor.

c. An agreement with a third-party administrator for the self-insured health plan

Withdrawn

d. Mayoral appointments of taxpayers to look into impact of the proposed ordinance giving additional tax relief to seniors

Chairman Brodinsky explained that the Ordinance Committee has discussed giving additional tax relief to seniors but that under the Enabling Statute, the Mayor is required to make some appointments to look into the tax impact and that this has to be done before the Ordinance is passed. Mayor Dickinson said that he has several names and that in the near future a group should be formed.

No action taken.

13. Report and discussion: Wallingford Participation in Sustainable Energy Analytics (S E A)

George Adair, Director Public Utilities, Robert Beaumont, Vice-Chairman Public Utilities Commission and Glenn Wilson, CEO, Sustainable Energy Analytics (S.E.A.)

Mr. Beaumont said that Sustainable Energy Analytics (S.E.A.) is a private subsidiary of CMEEC. The Wallingford Electric Division and CMEEC want the lowest cost rates for reliable electricity. Over the past year with costs rising, they have been looking at various ways to mitigate that. One is the potential investment in power plants, as Wallingford did with the Pierce Plant. He said that they are looking at other power supply projects as well, which they may be acting on in the reasonably near future. Instead of going out and looking for a means of producing electricity, he said that another way to do that is to try to shed demand, limit demand, try to get a better shape of demand to flatten that, so the demand is not so high. He said basically we are charged whether it's Wallingford or whether it's CMEEC or anyone of the private utilities, we are charged for the electricity based on overall demand, so it is to everyone's benefit to keep peek demand down. One way of accomplishing this is to form a company, a subsidiary, to do just that in terms of trying to flatten the peak. S.E.A. can move ahead and operate in new territory. He said that three weeks ago, the Commission approved in concept of becoming a participant in S.E.A. and to allow for budget amendments. They believe that it is a good and appropriate investment for the Town of Wallingford and CMEEC.

Mr. Adair said that S.E.A. was formed by CMEEC in July 2007, and that demand response is a critical part of S.E.A.'s mission, the ability to reduce, or shave load, is a far more cost effective way of managing peak demand than having to build new generation. It is an important mission. He said that it is also an investment in another CMEEC project, such as in Pierce Plant and others. He said that the benefits, based on the pro forma cash flow projection that CMEEC has provided, would be significant. He said the initial investment, if approved, would be approximately \$179,000 and based on the cash flow projection, we would see credits coming back to us on our CMEEC power bill in the area at a net present value of about \$800,000 over five (5) years, which means making back the investment plus that kind of return, discounted at 6%, to bring it back to present value.

Chairman Brodinsky said it may be helpful to know that the Wallingford PUC invest through CMEEC in a for-profit organization and that they are going to make a ton of money, and the money that they make will be returned to CMEEC, and therefore reduce the electric bill that we pay to CMEEC, so we will take advantage of their profits. He asked if that was the overall concept.

Mr. Adair said that it was precisely the concept. The other factor of the initial contribution to that capital investment would be our pro rata share at roughly 36% share, based on our load within CMEEC. He said if there was a need for future capital by SEA, Wallingford would have the option as to whether to add to that initial contribution. If the town opts to not add funds, then the pro rata share of any benefits would be proportionately reduced. He said that under the agreement, there is no obligation. He said that exposure is liminted, and from an indemnification and liability standpoint, the agreement with CMEEC for our participation clearly insulates not only CMEEC but also Wallingford. He said that from a business standpoint, he sees it as an opportunity for benefits to our ratepayers and also an

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endeavor that is extremely worthwhile for Wallingford, Connecticut and New England on the demand side of management. He continued saying that the revenue stream available for those activities now receive the same consideration with ISO as does generation; it's the other side of the coin but with far less capital investment required. He said that it's important work and is akin to CMEEC's undertakings and has a ratepayer benefit for a reduction in costs.

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Chairman Brodinsky said that, as he understands it, the business of S.E.A. is to help the private customers reduce their use of electricity, and they will get paid for that; shed-low is the idea of using less electricity, and it helps everybody out and S.E.A. gets paid for their services; the profits go to CMEEC, and our share is filtered back to us.

Mr. Adair said that is correct and that is competing with other private entities, who are doing this work now except without any of the benefits accruing back.

Mr. Glenn Wilson said that some of the numbers are public and can be discussed with the public. He said that the CMEEC Board of Directors looked all across New England at the electric market and understood that some significant changes were ongoing, and prior to that, conservation and load management and demand response had been very proactive but they had not fully integrated into the ISO platform. It is now a fungible market; for example, you made a significant investment in the Pierce unit and are reaping significant benefits on it on a daily basis. He said that even if that unit had not been built in Wallingford but rather outside the town, you would realize the same financial benefits because all of the energy generated from the Pierce unit clears through the independent system operator in New England, I.S.O. New England, and flows back to CMEEC. This ultimately reduces all of the system power costs to Wallingford.

He said that the same is true with demand response and as CMEEC evaluated that, they believed that it was appropriate for us to take a very succinct step towards taking advantage of what the electric market was presenting to them in demand response. He said that the reason for that is for every five percent reduction in electricity that we realize in New England, \$580 million is saved every year, and for every five increase, it costs \$700 million per year. He explained how that happens. He said that in Wallingford three customers have signed up with S.E.A. for demand response. He said that some of the revenue streams that S.E.A. has realized to date come from ISO New England. ISO New England pays the generators, and we pay them for our bills, and the same is true for demand response. It is significantly less costly for us to address conservation, load management and demand response than it is to build new generation.

One of the things that needs to be thought about in this decision is, as in any market, that the intensity demand clearly effects price, as in gas and heating oil, and is also true with electricity. Low cost-based generation serves most demand during low hours. The nuclear generators in Waterford are the lowest cost generation in Connecticut. He said that this keeps the cost of electricity low because they can operate continuously, 24/7. Our load in electricity isn't linear because we have tremendous peaks in the summer due to predominately HVAC. He discussed peak times.

Chairman Brodinsky asked how a local businessperson might take advantage of this opportunity. Mr. Glenn said that S.E.A. can go in and understand and control what will

help them manage their businesses, in getting paid for the amounts of energy, and the demand that they are willing to reduce. The significant difference is that for all ratepayers in New England, the cost to invest in a generating plant, the capital cost, is significantly more than it is to invest in the technologies that help customers manage and reduce their loads. I.S.O. pays that customer, and there is no downside.

Mayor Dickinson said that if a customer called them, and S.E.A went in, and there was really nothing that S.E.A. could do for them, who covers the cost of S.E.A.'s service. Mr. Wilson said that there would be no cost. Mayor Dickinson said that in the overall, larger operation of this, there is a component in the rates that provides money for I.O.S. New England to then be paying the businesses that are able to shed load, so at some point, we are paying money in to get money back. He asked how much are we paying out and how much are we receiving back. He asked that as an investment, what is the rate of return compared to any other type of investment. Mr. Glenn said that I.S.O. will pay people the same rate for capacity as they would the generator for demand response. He said that is going on in the market right now, but the difference is from a ratepayer perspective on the long term, and it is more cost effective to the ratepayer to implement demand response than it is generation.

No action taken.

- Executive Session for the discussion of commercially sensitive elements per Connecticut General Statutes 1-200 (6)(E), 1-210 (b)(1), (5)(B) and (7); 7-232a as it pertains to Sustainable Energy Analytics (S E A)
- 15. Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property Mayor

Withdrawn

16. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and/or negotiation with respect to Collective Bargaining – Personnel

## **MOTION**

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rascati, to go into Executive Session pursuant to:

- 14. A discussion of commercially sensitive elements per Connecticut General Statutes 1-200 (6)(E), 1-210 (b)(1), (5)(B) and(7); 7-232a as it pertains to Sustainable Energy Analytics (S E A) as requested by Public Utilities Director.
- 16. To Section 1-200(6)(E) of the Connecticut General Statutes with regard to strategy and/or negotiation with respect to Collective Bargaining as requested by Personnel

All Councilors (7) present voted Aye to go into Executive Session.

The motion passed. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent from the meeting.

The Council entered Executive Session at 10:20 P.M.

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#### **MOTION**

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Parisi. All Councilors (7) present voted Aye to exit Executive Session. The motion passed. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent from the meeting.

The Council exited Executive Session at 10:40 P.M.

# Executive Session Attendance for Item 14.

Seven Councilors (7), Mayor Dickinson, Town Attorney Janis Small. and Comptroller James Bowes, Robert Beaumont, George Adair and Glenn Wilson (SEA) Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent from the meeting.

## **Executive Session Attendance for Item 16**

Seven Councilors (7), Mayor Dickinson, Terrence Sullivan and Douglas Dortenzio. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent from the meeting.

17. Consider and Approve Agreement with Local 1570 Police Union – Personnel

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Chairman Brodinsky, and seconded by Mr. Farrell, to Approve the Agreement with Local 1570 Police Union as requested by Personnel.

All Councilors (7) present voted Aye. The motion passed. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent from the meeting.

18. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$192,474 FY 2008-09 to General Fund Various Accounts from Accrued Expenses Acct # 001-7060-800-3230

## MOTION

A motion was made by Chairman Brodinsky, seconded by Mr. Farrell, to approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$192,474 FY 2008-09 to General Fund Various Accounts from Accrued Expenses Acct # 001-7060-800-3230 as requested by Personnel.

All Councilors (7) present voted Aye. The motion passed. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent from the meeting.

# **MOTION**

Chairman Brodinsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Farrell seconded. All Councilors (7) present voted Aye. The motion passed. Mr. Spiteri and Mr. Testa were absent from the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M. with no further business to conduct.

Respectfully submitted, Helles\_

Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary

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