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Town of Wallingford, Connecticut

Special Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

Town Hall

WORKSHOP:

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at a Special Meeting to conduct a Workshop held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman Called the Meeting to Order at 6:15 P.M. Town Councilors in attendance included: Chairman Mike Brodinsky, Vincenzo DiNatale, Nick Economopoulos, Jerry Farrell, Jr., John LeTourneau, Robert Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, Michael Spiteri and Vincent Testa, Jr.

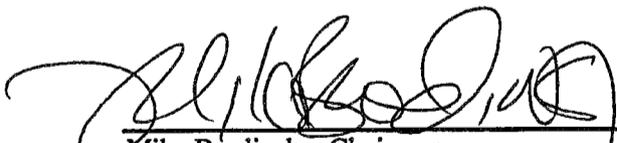
ITEM: Review of Plans and diagrams of a Fishway proposed for the Wallace Dam area – Chairman Mike Brodinsky

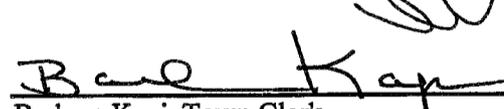
The Council members and the Mayor viewed and discussed the plans and diagrams of the Fishway with **Stephen R. Gebhard**, Supervising Fisheries Biologist, State of Connecticut, *Department of Environmental Protection, Inland Fisheries Division*; **Richard A. Orson, Ph.D.**, *Save the Sound* and Orson Environmental and Ecological Consulting, Research and Habitat Restoration **State Representative Mary Mushinsky**, representing the *Quinnipiac River Watershed Association*.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra Weekes
Town Council Secretary

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Mike Brodinsky, Chairman 10/1/08
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Town of Wallingford, Connecticut

Town Council Meeting

May 13, 2008

Minutes

The following is a record of the minutes of the Wallingford Town Council at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman Mike Brodinsky Called the Meeting to Order at 6:43P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Kapi were Councilors Michael Brodinsky, Nick Economopoulos, John LeTourneau, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, Michael Spiteri, and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor Vincenzo M. DiNatale arrived at 7:33 P.M., and Councilor Jerry Farrell, Jr. arrived at 7:46 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also present. Attorney Joe Fasi was also in attendance for the Public Hearing (13 G).

A Moment of Silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call began the meeting.

8. Report from the Chairman

The Chairman moved up Item 8 and explained how the meeting would proceed, acknowledged the large number of people in the auditorium and addressed that the budget approval section of the meeting would begin when all Councilors were present. He said that they need a full compliment of Councilors and that they would not vote on a budget unless all nine Councilors are present. He said that Councilor DiNatale will be present in about one half an hour, and Councilor Farrell may in attendance after 8:00 P.M. He said that one Councilor absent could be the deciding vote and that when all Councilors are present the he would take up the Board of Education component of the budget item on the agenda.

4. Discussion and Possible Action concerning approval of a Fishway in the area of Wallace Dam of a Fishway, including action on whether or not the Town of Wallingford should own the Fishway, if approved – Chairman Mike Brodinsky

In attendance:

Stephen R. Gebhard, Supervising Fisheries Biologist,
State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection,
Inland Fisheries Division

Richard A. Orson, Ph.D., *Save the Sound* and Orson
Environmental and Ecological Consulting, Research
and Habitat Restoration

State Representative Mary Mushinsky, representing the
Quinnipiac River Watershed Association

Mr. Gebhard said that they are part of a team working to provide fish passage around the Wallace Dam in Wallingford. He said that this small dam in the river is actually blocking fish from migrating from Long Island Sound farther up the river. He said that it is possible to get the fish back to historical habitat with a properly designed fishway, also called a fish ladder. He said that there is benefit to both the fish and the people who live here.

Chairman Brodinsky said that the Council was provided with a document summarizing what the town's responsibilities what the responsibilities would be if the Town chooses to own the fishway.

Mr. Gebhard said that responsibilities include operation and that this kind is very simple to operate, involving opening and closing the ladder in the spring and in the fall. He said that the owner would control access but that does not necessarily mean that the owner, the town or some other owner, can make arrangements with another party to do that. He explained that weekly visits would be necessary and said that his crew with the Inland Fisheries Division would be interested in making regular checks on the fishway to record fish movement and in picking up video tapes in the counting house to make counts. He said that the Quinnipiac River Watershed Association, a non-profit volunteer conservation association, that has lots of members that are interested in taking on some of the responsibilities. He continued saying that the town would have final say in what goes on, but it would not be performing the day-to-day routine.

It was established that there would be zero cost to the town. The discussion included talk of types of baffles (there are three types-oak, composite and aluminum); cost of maintenance, infrequent replacement of fences, gates, padlocks; unusual event cleanup and other incidentals over the years; Public Works would perform basic maintenance, and that the same grants are available for unusual repairs to the fishway that the two associations are applying for to build the fishway. The design of the fishway and review by the Engineering Department addressed safety

concerns and liability to the town. The fishway will be on the west side of the dam, in the optimum location to accept the migratory fish and that the fish will be viewed through a grate. Mr. Gebhard said that integration with the trail would have been nice and that the bridge makes it close.

Representative Mushinsky said that up to now the way that the fish have been helped over that dam is manually by volunteers, and when they get to Meriden, they swim up the ladder on their own. Fish that were helped on April 20th are now past Meriden. She said that they moved 530 (*fish*) on the 20th, and then another eight May 12th, perhaps blue-back and one shad. She said that it has been very labor intensive and but will be less work after the fishway is in place and then only the ladder will need to be policed.

David James, Quinnipiac River Watershed Board member from Meriden, said that this is a vital project for the revitalization of the river, which is what the QRWA is all about. He said that as the river becomes healthier and as more fish come up the river that the watershed around the river also rebounds with more wildlife. He there now two eagles in Meriden and osprey. He spoke in favor of the project.

Jeffrey Borne, 20 Sylvan Avenue, Chairman of the Conservation Committee, said he is in attendance on behalf of the commission to support the project. He said that the commission is focused on the preservation of open space in town and the conservation of the natural resources that the open spaces support. He said that establishment of the fishway and getting the fish up the river where they have not been able to get for 150 years is significant and is fascinating how we can return the river to what it once was through this project. He said that the Conservation Commission throws its shoulders fully behind this project. He said that he hopes that this Council will support it.

Mike Lucier, 33 Knollwood, said that he is impressed with the improvement of the river and supports the fishway.

Mr. Orson, Save the Sound, said that it is his organization that is in this for the long haul and that they provide funding for earlier fishways that required on occasion some additional repairs and that Save the Sound has helped out by getting the funds that were needed. He said that this project is very important in saving the sound.

To answer a question on what the motion is to accomplish, Mayor Dickinson suggested a motion to authorize the Save the Sound to construct the Fishway on the West Side of the Quinnipiac River and for the Town of Wallingford to accept ownership and maintenance responsibilities of said Fishway.

MOTION

Following the Mayor's suggestion, Mr. Testa moved to Authorize Save the Sound to construct the Fishway on the West Side of the Quinnipiac River at Wallace Dam and for the Town of Wallingford to accept ownership and maintenance responsibilities of said Fishway. Mr. Parisi seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

DiNatale-absent; Economopoulos-yes; Farrell-absent; LeTourneau-yes; Parisi-yes; Rascati-yes; Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes
7-Aye; 2-absent

The motion passed.

Attorney Small asked if they needed some type of agreement to begin the grant process or what did they need from the town in terms of documentation. Mr. Orson said that they have already moved forward with the grant, and they need a letter of agreement, in whatever detail the town would like. He said that they have been working on some language for that.

Mr. Gebhard said that for the long-term a more finely crafted agreement will be necessary and that he thinks a simple letter on letterhead that Save the Sound can have that says there is agreement for this fishway project and perhaps quotes the resolution and that way for permitting from DEP as well as grants can be appended.

All agreed that they would like to discuss the naming of the fishway.

5. Discussion and action regarding proposed Federal legislation concerning The Consumer Protection and Cost Accountability Act requirements for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission – Public Utilities Director, George Adair

Mr. Gessert began by stating that support is needed for Federal legislation and asked the Council of that support. He said that the legislation was introduced by Senator Sanders of Vermont, and that this legislation basically asked that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission take into account the consumer when they take various actions, which is not currently considered.

Mr. Adair said that the motion would be to support the legislation via the letter in the Council office and asking where the legislation is.

Chairman Brodinsky asked if approved and the letters are sent, then what would happen to those letters, and how would this have an impact on Wallingford.

Mr. Adair said that the letters would be directed to Representative Rosa DeLauro and to Senator Lieberman and Dodd urging their co-sponsorship of the legislation in the House and Senate. He explained the process of this particular legislation. He said that testimony before the committees would send a message to FERC.

Mr. Testa asked how this legislation might impact fund subsidies that Wallingford is receiving because this is ISO related. He said that we have made certain decisions based on anticipated subsidies.

Mr. Adair said that it is conceivable that ISO can propose changes to any of the market designs, with or without this legislation. He said that as they do this, they have to include the impact on the rate payer.

Mr. Parisi suggested that the letter might be sent in capital letters so as to simulate yelling and that hopefully they will hear it and implement it. Mr. Gessert said that the PUC letter was hand-carried to the legislators.

MOTION

Mr. Testa made a motion that the Wallingford Town Council express support for The Consumer Protection and Cost Accountability Act via letters to be addressed to Representative Rosa DeLauro, Senators Lieberman and Dodd. Mr. Parisi seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

DiNatale-absent; Economopoulos-yes; Farrell-absent; LeTourneau-yes; Parisi-yes; Rascati-yes; Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes
7-Aye; 2-absent

The motion passed.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#514 - #523) totaling \$6,115.06
Account #001-1000-010-1170 – Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$32,000 to
Transmission and Distribution Mains Acct # 433-9012-343 from Power
Purchased for Pumping Acct # 431-8620-623 – Water Division
- 3c. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,500 to

- Maintenance of Distribution Reservoirs and Standpipes Acct # 431-8660-672 from Maintenance of Transmission and Distribution Lines # 431-8660-673 – Water Division
- 3d. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,350 to Communications Equipment Acct # 433-9012-397 from Meters Acct # 433-9012-346 – Water Division
- 3e. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,350 to Communications Equipment Acct # 463-9012-397 from Transportation Equipment Acct # 463-9012-392 – Sewer Division
- 3f. Consider and Approve a a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,900 to Purchased Services-Accounting Acct # 001-1401-901-9007 from Comptrollers Salaries Acct 3 001-1401-101-1000 - Comptroller
- 3g. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$11,000 to Maintenance of Vehicles Acct # 2030-550-5000 from Various Accounts – Fire Department
- 3h. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$250 to Transportation Reimbursement Acct # 001-1320-300-3201 from Professional Services-Specialists Acct # 001-1320-901-9003 – Town Attorney
- 3i. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$6,000 to Offices Expense and Supplies Acct # 001-1320-401-4000 from Professional Services-Specialists Acct # 001-1320-901-9003 – Town Attorney
- 3j. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for Financial Assistance in the amount of \$375,000 to purchase and install a multi-use pedestrian bridge as part of the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail –Program Planning
- 3k. Approve Resolution to accept funding from City Readiness Initiative (CRI) Federal Funding, City of Milford, for available funds of \$1,475 to purchase Motorola Emergency Mobile Radio Network system – Health Director
- 3l. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$1,475 to Emergency Mobile Radio System Acct. # 001-3010-999-9001 and to State Grant Health Department Acct # 001-1040-050-5507 – Health Director
- 3m. Consider and Approve Town Council minutes of March 25, 2008

- 3n.** Consider and Approve Town Council minutes of April 8, 2008

MOTION

Mr. Testa made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 3a. to 3n. Mr. Parisi seconded.

Seven Councilors present voted Aye. Mr. DiNatale and Mr. Farrell were absent for this vote.

The motion passed.

- 6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

None.

- 7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Chairman Brodinsky said that during this part of the meeting, one can ask questions of the Council but not budget related questions as they will be addressed when the budget comes to the floor.

Lucille Trzcinski, 25 Turnberry Road, discussed with the Mayor an Ordinance calling for an insurance commission that dates to 1986 and again in 1999. Mayor Dickinson discussed the history of this particular ordinance stating that once the town hired a Risk Manager and the town started to bid property and casualty, there was no need for a commission, that in essence there would be no function of such a commission, since the consultant would be fulfilling those functions. Ms. Trzcinski continued by asking how the Ordinance could be left in the Code of Wallingford and not enforced so that she does not know which ordinances are being enforced and which are not. She asked how the Council could ignore this Ordinance.

Patricia Kohl, 50 North Street, congratulated and commended the Police Department, who received accreditation through the Police Officers' Standards and Training Council. She said that state accreditation is a process through which law enforcement agencies demonstrate excellence in management and service delivery.

Nancy Harrington, 160 Constitution Street, wanted to know what happens to the budget item if Councilors DiNatale and Farrell don't show up tonight. She said that it is disrespectful of all of the time that the people are putting in.

Chairman Brodinsky said that in conducting the meeting that he has a choice. He said that he can go forward with or without them in view of the fact that these two votes could make a difference one way or the other. He said that he is obligated to wait until there are nine votes.

Diana Hotchkiss, 38 Clifton Street, commented on a skateboard park and direct deposit for town employees.

Michael Gagne, 59 East Side Drive, spoke about Councilor Farrell being absent, and this is not fair for people of this town to have to wait for Councilor Farrell at a meeting that begins at 6:30 P.M. and that he has been duly elected. He said that it is an embarrassment to the town and the people gathered at this meeting. He said that he wants to go on record saying that if he cannot perform his duties as an elected official because of his other duties for the State of Connecticut, then we should ask him as members of this town to reconsider his position on the Town Council.

Maria Frese, 230 Woodhouse Avenue, asked how the Council can vote on other items without nine councilors and not address the education budget.

Frank Ricci, 20 Parkview, suggested that Councilor Farrell be telephoned and ask if he will be here.

Wes Lube, Montowese Trail, spoke about Ordinance 345, Property & Casualty and that it refers to "all insurance."

Tina Crismans, 7 Giant View Road, determined in speaking with Chairman Brodinsky that five votes are needed pass the proposed budget and other business matters, and that it is best if all Councilors are present.

Mr. Parisi responded to an earlier statement about a skateboard park, saying that skateboards are only not allowed in the center of town.

Councilor DiNatale arrived during the Public Question and Answer Period at 7:33 P.M., and 15 minutes later Councilor Farrell arrived at 7:46 P.M.

RECESS

A recess, called at 7:40 P.M., was reconvened at 7:48 P.M.

13. Consider and Approve Adopting the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budgets of the Town of Wallingford - Mayor Dickinson

Discussion and Possible Action On:

- 13 (H) Approving the Special Funds of the Board of Education of the Town of Wallingford for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Mr. LeTourneau made a statement regarding the many steps he took in considering the Mayor's proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2008-09, and said he kept hearing comments from constituents regarding taxes and that people are struggling. He mentioned Governor Rell who has asked for cuts. He said that his responsibility is to the Town's 44,000 residents and in light of that he made a motion.

MOTION

Mr. LeTourneau moved, seconded by Mr. Spiteri, to cut an additional \$900,000 from the school budget.

In the following order, Councilors Testa, Economopoulos, Parisi, DiNatale, Rascati, and Brodinsky announced that they would not support the motion to further cut the Board of Education's budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09; and then summarized their own method of analyzing the budget, considering the cost of living, burdens many people carry with the tax rate, budget time transparency, the Board of Education's budget, that the motion is too aggressive, and the Town's current budget process with suggestions of how the budget can be approached in the future. Emphasis focused on the budget process with suggestions regarding the Council's approach for the 2009-10 budget. Several times, Mr. LeTourneau was complimented for his courage in bringing the motion forward.

Mr. Spiteri said that there was a point in seconding the motion so that everyone could get their point across. He acknowledged the Council's mistakes in their own process of considering the budget.

Chairman Brodinsky said that next year he looks forward to the public attending the workshops and in taking part in the Public Hearing.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

In view of the lack of support on the part of the Council, Mr. LeTourneau withdrew his motion. Mr. Spiteri withdrew his second. The Board of Education budget will remain at \$84,770,560.

Superintendent Dale Wilson and members of the Board of Education, Mike Votto, Roxanne McKay and Valerie Ford, all gave statements.

Parents and Educators who spoke during the budget question for the Board of Education

Frank Ricci, Parkview Drive
Frank McKay, Anderson Road,
Deni Fries, Parkview Drive
Ms. McDonald

RECESS

A short recess called at 8:50 P.M. was reconvened at 9:07 P.M.

The public continued to speak:

Jason Zandri, Lincoln Drive
Lucille Trzcinski, 25 Turnberry Road
Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle
Bruce Thorpe,
Steven Sause, 21 Evanwood Drive

(For detail of the Special Funds of the Board of Education Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008, please see pages 10A, 10B and 10C.)

13 (G) Conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. in connection with an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,982,314 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2008-2009 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,982,314 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING TO TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

Chairman Brodinsky convened the Public Hearing at 9:20 P.M. and stated that the \$1,982,314 2008-2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM bond ordinance, which is the subject of this public hearing is available to the public and may be obtained at this meeting from the Town Clerk.

MOTION

Mr. Testa moved, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Parisi, to read the title and section one of the ordinance as proposed in its entirety and to waive the reading of the remainder of the ordinance, incorporating its full text into the minutes of the meeting.

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY						
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009						
	FY 6-30-07 ACTUAL	FY 1-31-08 ACTUAL	2007-08 APPROVED	2008-09 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>CAFETERIA</u>						
Revenue	1,795,981		2,031,088	2,220,783	2,220,783	
Expenditure	1,680,463		2,105,356	2,220,783	2,220,783	
<u>TITLE I</u>						
Revenue	200,000		206,283	429,239	429,239	
Expenditure	200,327	387,351	206,283	429,239	429,239	
<u>TITLE V</u>						
Revenue	7,000		8,047	7,887	7,887	
Expenditure	6,582		8,047	7,887	7,887	
<u>TITLE II</u>						
Revenue	91,581		159,558	161,438	161,438	
Expenditure	85,472	38,245	159,558	161,438	161,438	
<u>TITLE IV (Drug Free Schools)</u>						
Revenue	5,000		17,569	16,363	16,363	
Expenditure	13,726		17,569	16,363	16,363	
<u>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANT</u>						
Revenue	60,895	2,000	60,895	58,730	58,730	
Expenditure	60,895	34,520	60,895	58,730	58,730	
<u>ADULT EDUCATION TUITION</u>						
Revenue	137,198	93,051	115,230	121,913	121,913	
Expenditure	84,465	23,439	115,230	121,913	121,913	
<u>ADULT BASIC EDUCATION</u>						
Revenue	233,884	162,725	263,966	264,887	264,887	
Expenditures	233,884	212,257	263,966	264,887	264,887	
<u>ON COMMON GROUND (Adult Education)</u>						
Revenue	17,000	7,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Expenditures	20,000	3,727	20,000	20,000	20,000	
<u>ADULT EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY</u>						
Revenue	35,000	20,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	
Expenditures	35,000	27,732	35,000	35,000	35,000	
<u>IDEA - PART B</u>						
Revenue	1,170,157	700,000	1,195,157	1,195,157	1,195,157	
Expenditure	1,173,871	791,040	1,195,157	1,195,157	1,195,157	
<u>PRE-SCHOOL HANDICAPPED</u>						
Revenue	20,000	10,000	41,478	41,478	41,478	
	24,448	12,603	41,478	41,478	41,478	

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YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

	FY 6-30-07 ACTUAL	FY 1-31-08 ACTUAL	2007-08 APPROVED	2008-09 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>OUTSIDE SERVICES</u>						
Revenue	69,046	18,668	65,000	80,000	80,000	
Expenditures	62,718	12,317	65,000	80,000	80,000	
<u>AE NELLI MAE</u>						
Revenue	47,270		47,270	35,000	35,000	
Expenditure	47,270		47,270	35,000	35,000	
<u>BILINGUAL GRANT</u>						
Revenue	16,096		15,975	13,637	13,637	
Expenditure	16,096		15,975	13,637	13,637	
<u>INSURANCE CONTRACT</u>						
Revenue	1,118,993	795,046	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	
Expenditure	984,982	719,658	1,150,000	1,150,000	1,150,000	
<u>SUMMER SCHOOL</u>						
Revenue	26,095	33,765	31,150	34,645	34,645	
Expenditure	24,949	31,181	31,150	34,645	34,645	
<u>MAGNET SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION</u>						
Revenue	110,500	55,250	110,500	110,500	110,500	
Expenditure	110,500	55,250	110,500	110,500	110,500	
<u>OPEN CHOICE</u>						
Revenue	224,111		200,000	212,000	212,000	
Expenditure	224,107	4,000	200,000	212,000	212,000	
<u>VOAG EQUIPMENT</u>						
Revenue			18,391			
Expenditure			18,391			
<u>INVESTING-SHEEHAN & LYMAN HALL</u>						
Revenue		16,000	49,981			
Expenditure		12,274	49,981			
<u>SUPERVISORS & TESTING</u>						
Revenue	14,495	9,247	14,000	15,000	15,000	
Expenditure	14,495	9,247	14,000	15,000	15,000	
<u>SPECIAL EDUC EXCESS COST</u>						
Revenue	1,444,560	23,334	1,583,064	1,965,617	1,965,617	
Expenditure	1,444,560		1,583,064	1,965,617	1,965,617	
<u>MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT</u>						
Revenue	141,288	47,013	150,000	150,000	150,000	
Expenditure	17,195		150,000	150,000	150,000	
<u>TITLE III</u>						
Revenue	21,400		37,484	39,445	39,445	
Expenditure	26,922		37,484	39,445	39,445	

SPECIAL FUNDS BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUMMARY						
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009						
	FY 6-30-07 ACTUAL	FY 1-31-08 ACTUAL	2007-08 APPROVED	2008-09 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>CAROL WHITE PEP</u>						
Revenue		123,132	314,252			
Expenditure		137,237	314,252			
<u>WEF</u>						
Revenue		723	12,232	15,000	15,000	
Expenditure			12,232	15,000	15,000	
<u>IMMIGRANT & YOUTH EDUCATION</u>						
Revenue			17,209			
Expenditure			17,209			

Appendage 10C

Upon roll call vote, the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; LeTourneau-yes;
Farrell-yes; Parisi-yes-;Rascati-yes; Spiteri-yes;
Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

None

The motion passed. Mr. Testa read the title and Section 1.

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,982,314 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2008-2009 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,982,314 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING TO TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

Section 1. The sum of \$1,982,314 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of municipal capital improvements 2008-2009 consisting of: (i) Roadway Reconstruction of Williams Road and North Branford Road – Whirlwind Hill Road to Route 68; (ii) Vietnam Veterans Park – reconstruct playing fields; (iii) Quinnipiac Street Corridor – monies reimbursed to Connecticut Department of Transportation; (iv) Quinnipiac River Linear Trail – Phase III Trail extension; (v) Railroad Station building renovations; (vi) Traffic safety improvements, and for appurtenances, equipment and services related thereto, or so much thereof as may be accomplished within such appropriation, including administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs, said appropriation to be in addition to all prior appropriations for said purpose and inclusive of any and all State and Federal grants-in-aid, as set forth in the Capital Improvement Plan 2008-2009, as amended.

There were no Public Comments.

Chairman Brodinsky called the Public Hearing closed at 9:28 P.M.

Mr. Testa moved, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Rascati, that the ordinance entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,982,314 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2008-2009 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,982,314 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING TO TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be adopted.

Mr. Farrell asked why he did not have copies of the series of motions that were made during this process.

Regarding the Capital Improvement Projects, Mr. LeTourneau asked if the vote was to either accept all or reject all.

Upon roll call, the yes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; Farrell-yes;
Parisi-yes-; Rascati-yes; Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes;
Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

LeTourneau-no

The motion passed, and Chairman Brodinsky declared the ordinance adopted. (*Appendix I.*)

13. Consider and Approve Adopting the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budgets of the Town of Wallingford - Mayor Dickinson

Discussion and Possible Action On:

- 13 (B) Adopting the General Fund Expenditure Budget of \$140,373,516 as was presented, or such other budget as the Council may determine, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008

MOTION

Mr. LeTourneau made a motion that on the general side of government that we reduce the General Government by \$600,000 to \$139,773,516. Mr. Spiteri seconded.

Chairman Brodinsky reviewed the history of General Government. He said that this is a lump sum reduction and that it is up to the Mayor where the balance should be re-allocated.

Mayor Dickinson said that the money that is left over in so-called surplus gets re-supplied into the budget in the form of the Reserves that do offset taxes. He said other than the double A credit rating, the money does come back that isn't spent and helps reduction support another year and avoids taxing from dollar one. He said that we have almost \$6 million in Reserves coming into this budget to avoid that money be taxed anew. He said that for us to find \$600,000 in the budget absolutely will mean some things won't get done and typically will return to the Capital budget and although at this point he can't specify what it will be but there will not be replacement of Capital items, and a search through all of the other line items, certainly there is very little extra money there. He said that other than a reduction in staff, he doesn't think we are at a point to do. He said that we are talking about not replacing some of the equipment that departments have said they need, the snow plow trucks, the fire apparatus, etc. He doesn't know how else to find \$600,000. He said that you just can't look at it that we have money left over every year, and added, well, we do but that money comes back in another year to support the budget. It doesn't represent an ever-growing savings account. He said that \$600,000 would have to be a reduction in expenditures, which he thinks will be in the Capital budget for items of replacement.

Mr. Parisi that, if cut, it should be cut on both sides of the budget. He spoke about irresponsibility urged the Council to pass the budget as it was presented, and he urged working on the budget process. He does not support the motion.

Ms. Rascati, Mr. Bowes and Mr. Testa discussed the impact on the mill rate if the budget is cut by \$600,000. Mr. Testa said that if there is a \$600,000 cut, then taxes will be reduced by \$30.00.

Members of the public who spoke included:

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Drive
Frank Ricci, 30 Parkview
Jason Zandri, Lincoln Drive
Diana Hotchkiss, 38 Clifton Street
Phil Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street

Mayor Dickinson said that right now we are down \$250,000 that is not in the state budget, and if they do not pass the legislation to extent the conveyance tax at the higher rate, then we will be down \$250,000. He said that we are losing significant money on interest rates.

Mr. Farrell spoke about fairness and that the amount is not denominated, so that it could bring cuts to other groups like the Senior Center. He said that they don't know where cuts will be made. He is not supportive of the motion. He called for equity and getting a hearing.

Mr. Bowes suggested that the Council propose a Resolution to reduce the general fund expenditure budget by \$600,000 and to quote the amount with the reduction coming from the general government side of the equation. He said that the next motion should be to adopt a revenue budget of the same amount reflecting a \$600,000 reduction in the current property tax revenue line item.

MOTION

Chairman Brodinsky said a reduction in the expenditure budget of \$600,000 would result in an expenditure budget of \$139,773,516, so if the motion was worded in such a way to reduce the expenditure budget by \$600,000 down to \$139,773,516 that would be a more pure form.

Mr. LeTourneau so moved, and Chairman Mike Brodinsky seconded.

Mr. Testa asked about procedure. Mr. LeTourneau withdrew his earlier motion.

Mr. Spiteri withdrew his second, stated that he was confused and said that he thought that they were prepared to make line item cuts. There was discussion with Attorney Small regarding lump sum versus line item by line item during the workshop.

RECESS

A recess that was called at 10:13 P.M. was reconvened at 10:24 P.M.

Chairman Brodinsky said that procedurally that we are back to the Council to discuss a motion that was made and seconded and that we are ready for a Roll Call vote. He asked the Council if that was their understanding. He said that we are ready to vote on the motion to reduce the Expenditure by \$600,000. (13B)

Upon roll call, the yes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; LeTourneau-yes
Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

Farrell-no; Parisi-no; Rascati-no;

6 Aye; 3 Nay

The motion passed to adopt the General Fund Expenditure Budget of \$139,773,516.

- 13(A) Adopting the General Fund Revenue Budget of \$140,373,516 as was presented, or such other budget as the Council may determine, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008.**

MOTION

Mr. Testa moved that they adopt the total General Fund Revenue Budget of \$139,773,516 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008, Line Item 1010, with \$600,000 coming out of general government revenue.

Chairman Brodinsky seconded and called for a Roll Call vote.

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; LeTourneau-yes
Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

Farrell-no; Parisi-no; Rascati-no;

6 Aye; 3 Nay

The motion passed to adopt the General Fund Revenue budget of \$139,773,516 beginning July 1, 2008, Line Item 1010.

- (C) Establishing the property tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 at 23.03 mills, or other such rate as the Council may determine**

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES IN EXCESS OF \$100 SHALL BE MADE IN TWO INSTALLMENTS. THE FIRST OF WHICH IS DUE JULY 1, 2008, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2008. THE SECOND INSTALLMENT SHALL BE DUE JANUARY 1, 2009, PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2009. REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES OF \$100 OR LESS SHALL BE PAID IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2008 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2008 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE MADE IN ONE INSTALLMENT DUE JULY 1, 2008 AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2008 AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-144A. DELINQUENT MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES SHALL BE PAID ONLY IN CASH OR BY CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AS PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, CHAPTER 204, SECTION 12-146.

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

CHECKS IN PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES WHICH HAVE BEEN RETURNED BY THE BANK SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FIFTEEN DOLLAR (\$15.00) FEE.

MOTION

Mr. Testa made a motion Establish the property tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 at 22.90 mills. Mr. Spiteri seconded.

Mr. Testa read the entire item. There were no comments on the motion.

Upon roll call, the yes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; LeTourneau-yes
Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

Farrell-no; Parisi-no; Rascati-no;

6 Aye; 3 Nay

The motion passed.

13 (D) Adopting the budgets of the Divisions of the Department of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 as herein stated.

Electric Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$78,924,360</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>76,982,998</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>1,941,362</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>1,281,500</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>148,421</u>
Net Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers In (Out)	<u>3,074,441</u>
Operating Transfers (Out)	<u>1,982,314</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>1,092,127</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>4,325,627</u>
Working Capital: Use of Funds	<u>4,325,627</u>

Water Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$6,534,546</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>6,171,588</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>362,958</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>399,223</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>168,040</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>594,141</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>3,208,080</u>
Working Capital: Use of Funds	<u>3,208,080</u>

Sewer Enterprise Fund

Operating Revenues	<u>\$5,076,604</u>
Operating Expenses	<u>6,919,459</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(1,842,855)</u>
Non-Operating Revenue	<u>365,489</u>
Non-Operating Expenses	<u>97,500</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(1,574,866)</u>
Working Capital: Sources of Funds	<u>1,726,350</u>
Working Capital: Use of Funds	<u>1,726,350</u>

MOTION

Mr. Testa made a motion to adopt the budgets of the Divisions of the Department of Public Utilities for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008. *(Herein included in the Minutes of this meeting.)*

Mr. Spiteri seconded. There were no comments on the motion.

Upon roll call, the yes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; LeTourneau-yes
Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

Farrell-no; Parisi-no; Rascati-no;

6 Aye; 3 Nay

The motion passed.

13 (E) A Resolution directing payment into the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures, in Fiscal Year 2008-2009, from the General Fund \$1,982,314, pursuant to Ordinance 46-6 (E)

MOTION

Mr. Testa made a motion to approve a Resolution directing payment into the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures, in Fiscal Year 2008-2009, from the General Fund \$1,982,314, pursuant to Ordinance 46-6 (E).

Mr. Spiteri seconded. There were no comments.

Upon roll call, the yes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; LeTourneau-yes
Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

Farrell-no; Parisi-no; Rascati-no;

6 Aye; 3 Nay

The motion passed.

13 (F) Adopting the budget as presented, for the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 in the Amount of \$1,982,314, or such other Capital Improvement Plan budget as the Council may determine.

MOTION

Mr. Testa made a motion to adopt the budget as presented, for the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditures for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 in the Amount of \$1,982,314.

Mr. Spiteri seconded. There were no comments.

Upon roll call, the yes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; LeTourneau-yes
Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

Farrell-no; Parisi-no; Rascati-no;

6 Aye; 3 Nay

The motion passed.

- 13 (I) Approving the Special Funds of the Town of Wallingford for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 as attached hereto and made a part hereof.**

MOTION

Mr. Testa made a motion to approve the Special Funds of the Town of Wallingford for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2008 as attached hereto and made a part hereof. (*Appendix II-1 and II-2*)

Chairman Brodinsky seconded the motion. There were no comments.

Upon roll call, the yes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; LeTourneau-yes
Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

Farrell-no; Parisi-no; Rascati-no;

6 Aye; 3 Nay

The motion passed.

- 13 (J) Authorize the Chairman to sign three (3) copies of the finalized budget. Two are to be filed with the Town Clerk, and one is to be placed on file in the Wallingford Public Library.**

MOTION

Mr. Testa made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign three (3) copies of the finalized budget. Two are to be filed with the Town Clerk, and one is to be placed on file in the Wallingford Public Library.

Mr. Spiteri seconded. There were no comments.

Upon roll call, the yes and nays were as follows:

AYES

DiNatale-yes; Economopoulos-yes; Farrell-yes; LeTourneau-yes; Parisi-yes; Rascati-yes; Spiteri-yes; Testa-yes; Brodinsky-yes.

NAYS

None

9 Aye; 0 Nay

The motion passed.

9. Report from the Personnel Director and Discussion and Possible Action concerning the Administration's decision to adopt a self-insurance plan for health benefits, including but not limited to:
- A. A resolution that it is the sense of the Council that no contract shall be awarded to any individual or firm for services related to the administration of the self-insurance plan for health benefits unless the contract is either bid or the Council waives the bid;
 - B. The cost of the third-party administrator;
 - C. How the plan will impact employees;
 - D. The cost of stop-loss/reinsurance;
 - E. How the plan will work
 - F. The anticipated saving in the future as a result of self-insurance
 - G. The adoption of a "customer satisfaction survey" regardless of who is chosen as third-party administrator to measure the effectiveness of all aspects of the self-insurance plan

- Chairman Mike Brodinsky and Councilor Vincent Testa

Mr. Testa read the item.

In attendance:

Terence Sullivan, Director of Personnel
Robert Pernicka, Segal Company
Carrie DeMatti, Segal Company

Mr. Sullivan responded to questions B-G.

- 9B. All costs for TPA minus claims \$1,228,877
- 9C. Only change new ID card
- 9D. Stop-loss cost -\$432,075
- 9E. No change in how it will work.

Mr. Sullivan said in going to self-insurance, the town assumes the claim fluctuation risks that the insurance carrier would normally charge under a fully insured contract. He explained fees. The town avoids the risk charges, or the margin, that the insurance company would charge and also the premium tax, 1.75% of premiums. He said that a bank account would be established to allow the 3rd party administrator to draw funds electronically to pay claims and that is in the process of being setup. He discussed appeals.

9F. Mr. Sullivan referred to this item as cost avoidance. He said that the town would avoid some costs by not paying the premium tax, avoiding the risk charges and the margin. He said that we are paying for some insurance on the aggregate and specific and the bottom line is, we can expect 2% to 5% deduction off the fully insured claim amount. 2% = \$286,000; 5% would be about \$715,000. He said there is no guarantee, given the recent claims experience and the group size, all of these things can shift, and that is why it is important to have an adequate claims reserve in case of bad years.

9G. Mr. Sullivan does not claim expertise in this area but has no objection to survey among the insured.

Mr. Sullivan addressed questions regarding how costs and stop-loss are figured; regarding if Anthem played a part in the determination of the administrative costs of \$1,228,877 from the Segal report of 2/21/08 and also addressed the components of \$1,228,877, which include Administrative cost, Network Access Fee, stops loss specific, stop loss aggregate and the monthly rolling cap. Mr. Pernicki said that they were in negotiation with Anthem regarding the TPO. Ms. DeMatti spoke about Anthem's rate quote, which she had and which was provided to the Council. (*Appendix III*)

In discussion as to whether there is a contract, Mayor Dickinson said that no deal has been made and that because of Council request, it has been held off.

Regarding the bidding issue, Attorney Small said that she is still reviewing and analyzing the issue as to whether or not it needs to go out to bid for the TPA. She has asked for assistance from the town and the Board of Education's labor attorney to discuss the implications and the relevance of the collective bargaining agreements. She is moving forward with that but is not in a position to be finished with it tonight. She will write an opinion

when she has completed her research, which she hopes will be next week. Chairman Brodinsky asked her if she could write a brief regarding bids with what she now knows based on a hypothetical issue about which he elaborated. Attorney Small said that she is not in a position to write a brief or any amount of money at this time. She said she will write on what the law says to put the town in the best negotiating position, including binding legal contracts.

Chairman Brodinsky asked that if the decision is made that a bid waiver is not needed and Anthem is the one, would the Mayor inform the Council.

Mayor Dickinson said that he would.

10. Report from the Personnel Director and Purchasing Agent, discussion concerning the circumstances surrounding the recent bid and re-bid for a Health and Life Insurance Consultant and possible action with respect to said bidding procedures and the selection of a consultant, including but not limited to:

- (A) A Resolution calling for a re-bid; or
- (B) An award of a bid to one other than the low bidder pursuant to Ordinance # 43-12 (I)
- (C) Other action

- Chairman Mike Brodinsky and Councilor Vincent Testa

Mr. Testa read the item.

In attendance:

Terence Sullivan, Director of Personnel
Salvatore Amadeo, Purchasing Agent

Mayor Dickinson said that according to the procedures, the Purchasing Agent is supposed to make a recommendation, and then a report from Personnel. Following that introduction, both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Amadeo read their respective reports into the record. Mr. Sullivan read a statement, attached herein, which was furnished to the Council. Mr. Amadeo read a statement, attached herein, which was furnished to the Council.

(Appendixes III-1, III-2, IV-1) and (Appendixes V-1 and V-2)

Following the review of the evolution of the self-insurance decision, discussion included the process of the decision and if it was unfair; specification questions; how the original announcement was that a health insurance consultant would research the issue, which was followed by the

announcement that bids went out for the insurance. Mr. Sullivan discussed the circumstances around the bid and the re-bid. He addressed the timeline with Mr. Testa.

Members of the Public who spoke included:

Wes Lube, Montowese Trail

Bob Hogan, Grieb Road

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Drive

Questions were addressed regarding the bidding process, bidders, disqualified firms and why, and the marketing and advertising of the bidding process.

Attorney Small said that in the early 1990s there were bid waivers for Professional Services and that now there is a two-part bidding process.

No action was taken.

11. Discussion and possible action on a resolution that it is the sense of the Council that the Town of Wallingford should offer "direct deposit" to all employees who request it as soon as is practicable; that software should be acquired that would accomplish this as soon as practicable; and that "direct deposit" should be available on or about January 1, 2009; or other similar resolution.
-Chairman Mike Brodinsky

Mr. Testa made a motion to pass a Resolution that it is the sense of the Council that the Town of Wallingford should offer "direct deposit" to all employees who request it as soon as is practicable; that software should be acquired that would accomplish this as soon as practicable; and that "direct deposit".

Chairman Brodinsky seconded the motion.

Mr. Parisi spoke in favor of direct deposit and that we should look into negotiating that paychecks go from weekly to bi-weekly.

Larry Mordarski, representing students, teachers and town employees, spoke in favor of direct deposit.

Mr. Economopolous spoke in favor of direct deposit.

Jason Zandri, Lincoln Drive and Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Drive contributed to the discussion and ways of implementation.

All nine (9) Councilors voted Aye.

The motion passed.

12. Discussion and possible action concerning a Resolution that it is the sense of the Council that the Town of Wallingford at the earliest possible time should become a member of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities. Monies to pay the annual dues are to be taken from contingency account # 3190, or other appropriate funding source -Chairman Mike Brodinsky

Withdrawn

14. 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

Mr. Testa moved, seconded by Mr. Parisi, to go into Executive Session.

All nine (9) Councilors voted Aye.

Mr. Farrell left the meeting, and Ms. Rascati attended part of the session.

The motion passed. The Council entered Executive Session at 12:08.

Mr. Parisi moved, seconded by Testa, to exit Executive Session.

Seven (7) Councilors present voted Aye.

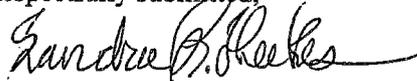
The motion passed. The Council exited Executive Session at 12:31 P.M.

Mr. Testa made a motion, seconded by Mr. LeTourneau, to Adjourn the meeting.

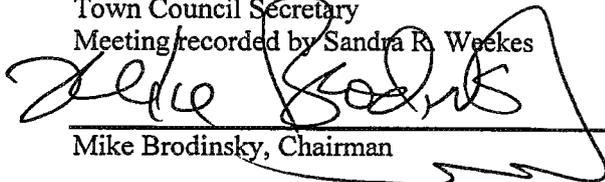
Seven (7) Councilors present voted Aye. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



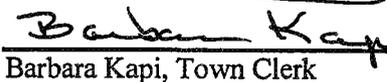
Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting recorded by Sandra R. Weekes



Mike Brodinsky, Chairman

7/30/08

Date



Barbara Kapi, Town Clerk

7/30/08

Date

APPENDIX I

ITEM FOR AGENDA OF MEETING OF TOWN COUNCIL

[Item No.] To conduct a public hearing and consider and act on the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,982,314 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2008-2009 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,982,314 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,982,314 FOR THE PLANNING, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2008-2009 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,982,314 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$1,982,314 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of municipal capital improvements 2008-2009 consisting of: (i) Roadway Reconstruction of Williams Road and North Branford Road - Whirlwind Hill Road to Route 68; (ii) Vietnam Veterans Park - reconstruct playing fields; (iii) Quinnipiac Street Corridor - monies reimbursed to Connecticut Department of Transportation; (iv) Quinnipiac River Linear Trail - Phase III Trail extension; (v) Railroad Station building renovations; (vi) Traffic safety improvements, and for appurtenances, equipment and services related thereto, or so much thereof as may be accomplished within such appropriation, including administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs, said appropriation to be in addition to all prior appropriations for said purpose and inclusive of any and all State and Federal grants-in-aid, as set forth in the Capital Improvement Plan 2008-2009, as amended.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$1,982,314 bonds of the Town or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the twentieth year after their date. Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them. Said bonds shall be issued in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the project determined after considering the estimated amount of the State and Federal grants-in-aid of the project, or the actual amount thereof if this be ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, printing and legal costs of issuing the bonds. Capital project revenues, including bid premiums and investment income derived from investment of bond proceeds (and net investment income derived from note proceeds) are authorized to be credited by the Comptroller to the project account and expended to pay project expenses customarily paid therefrom. The remaining appropriation and bond authorization shall be reduced by the amount of capital project revenues so credited. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, or, be combined with other bonds of the Town and such combined issue shall be in the denomination per aggregate maturity of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof,

be issued in bearer form or in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, and be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, shall be determined by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in their discretion. If sold at competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold upon sealed proposals, auction, or similar competitive process at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the provisions of purchase agreement shall be subject to approval of the Town Council.

Section 4. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, be approved as to their legality by Murtha Cullina LLP, Attorneys-At-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and

that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of said bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. Resolution of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures with Borrowings. The Town (the "Issuer") hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to §1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and after the date of passage of this ordinance in the maximum amount and for the capital project defined in Section 1 with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Bonds") authorized to be issued by the Issuer. The Bonds shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Comptroller or his designee is authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of reimbursement bonds, and to amend this declaration.

Section 6. The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Town Treasurer, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to exercise all powers conferred by section 3-20e of the general statutes with respect to secondary market disclosure and to provide annual information and notices of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this ordinance.

**SPECIAL FUNDS TOWN GOVERNMENT - SUMMARY
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

	FY 6-30-07 ACTUAL	FY 1-31-08 ACTUAL	2007-08 APPROVED	2008-09 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>DOCUMENT PRESERVATION GRANT</u>						
Revenue	12,000		12,000	12,000	12,000	
Expenditure	12,000		12,000	12,000	12,000	
<u>DOCUMENT PRESERVATION-TOWN SHARE</u>						
Revenue	20,654	9,946	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Expenditure			3,000	3,000	3,000	
<u>MEALS ON WHEELS-2008/2009</u>						
Revenue				18,600	18,600	
Expenditure				18,600	18,600	
<u>MEALS ON WHEELS 06-07/07-08</u>						
Revenue	13,533	7,758	18,600			
Expenditure	11,930	6,656	18,600			
<u>HISPANICS IN PHILANTHROPY GRANT</u>						
Revenue		20,000				
Expenditure		3,174				
<u>SCOW 148 HHD-6 GRANT-07/08</u>						
Revenue			90,232			
Expenditure			90,232			
<u>SCOW 148 HHD-5 GRANT-06/07</u>						
Revenue	65,360	15,699	87,147			
Expenditure	41,593	39,476	87,147			
<u>HOMELAND SECURITY-FIREFIGHTING</u>						
Revenue			137,950			
Expenditure			137,950			
<u>HOMELAND SECURITY-POLICE/FIRE</u>						
Revenue		10,568				
Expenditure	10,569	18,115				
<u>HEALTH GRANT-SMOKING CESSATION</u>						
Revenue		3,409	6,817			
Expenditure		3,246	6,817			
<u>OPEN SPACE RESOURCE MGMT FUND</u>						
Revenue	9,365	925	8,500	8,500	8,500	
Expenditure	3,900	240	8,500	8,500	8,500	
<u>FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT-POLICE</u>						
Revenue	36,217					
Expenditure	36,217					
<u>HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT-POLICE GENERATOR</u>						
Revenue	27,140					
Expenditure	27,140					
<u>HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT-POLICE BUFFER ZONE</u>						
Revenue	48,398					
Expenditure	48,398					

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SPECIAL FUNDS TOWN GOVERNMENT - SUMMARY						
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009						
	FY 6-30-07 ACTUAL	FY 1-31-08 ACTUAL	2007-08 APPROVED	2008-09 REQUEST	MAYOR APPROVED	COUNCIL APPROVED
<u>SCOW</u>						
Revenue	67,846	31,983	53,500	55,000	55,000	
Expenditure	67,846	33,977	53,500	55,000	55,000	
<u>COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE</u>						
Revenue	20,909		22,000	22,000	22,000	
Expenditure	21,442	1,400	22,000	22,000	22,000	
<u>CRRA (SERVICE CONTRACT GRANT)</u>						
Revenue	48,752	39,222	52,296	53,000	53,000	
Expenditure	48,752	27,205	52,296	53,000	53,000	
<u>TOWN AID ROAD</u>						
Revenue	276,624	138,417	276,624	276,833	276,833	
Expenditure	118,028	185,773	276,624	276,833	276,833	
<u>LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-2008/09</u>						
Revenue				302,909	302,909	
Expenditure				302,909	302,909	
<u>LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-2007/08</u>						
Revenue			299,146			
Expenditure			299,146			
<u>LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-2006/07</u>						
Revenue		299,146	299,146			
Expenditure		299,146	299,146			
<u>LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-2005/06</u>						
Revenue		302,303				
Expenditure	181,970	120,333				
<u>RECREATION DEPT PROGRAMS</u>						
Revenue	769,632	349,489	704,175	704,175	704,175	
Expenditure	652,774	400,108	704,175	704,175	704,175	

APPENDIX II-2

ITEM 9

5/13/2008

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Renewal Rate Increases (in Percentage Terms)

FY	Preliminary Renewal (subsidized)	Final Renewal (subsidized)	True Rate Increase (unsubsidized)
2008-09	10.80	5.94	8.00
2007-08	2.92	0.00	3.20
2006-07	7.08	3.53	6.83
2005-06	20.69	15.67	19.43
2004-05	8.51	8.50	12.77
2003-04	10.10	6.19	10.85

note: subsidized rates are rates utilizing proceeds from the sale of Anthem stocks

APPENDIX III

Rec'd from
Terence Sullivan
during meeting
5/13/08 (SRV)

ITEM 10



TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

TERENCE P. SULLIVAN
Personnel Director
Telephone (203) 294-2080
Fax (203) 294-2084

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council
FROM: Terence P. Sullivan, Personnel Director
DATE: May 13, 2008
SUBJECT: Insurance Consultant Bid 07-181

The Town made a decision to bid for health and life insurance consulting services. Bid submittals for Bid 07-145 were opened on March 25, 2008 (Part A-qualifications). Before the Part B (price) portion was to be opened, a decision was made to re-bid. The re-bid decision was made because the bid specifications required bidders to provide a list of at least five municipal or other governmental clients in Connecticut each with at least 1,000 full-time employees and populations of at least 25,000. The purpose for this requirement was to attract firms with experience consulting for larger municipalities with similar workforce sizes and populations as Wallingford. This requirement turned out to be restrictive, and, while the Town received several bids, only one firm met that requirement.

The re-bid (Bid 07-181) revised this requirement by deleting reference to population and reducing the number of full-time employees to 500. Making this adjustment had the intended effect of increasing competition. The Part A bids were opened on April 14, 2008. A committee of three Town officials reviewed and evaluated the submittals from 7 firms. The scores, using the criterion set forth in the bid specifications, were compiled and forwarded to the Purchasing Agent. Part B bid submittals were opened on April 29, 2008. The Purchasing Agent tallied the total scores on a summary report which was sent to me on April 30th. I forwarded this report to the other two committee members for their review. A copy of the summary report is attached.

One firm's bid was rejected because it revealed its price with the Part A submittal contrary to the instructions contained in the bid specifications. The price bids for the other six bidders ranged from \$150,000 to \$292,500 for three years.

The firm with the lowest price was rated low on the technical score portion. This was due to the absence of, or the unacceptable or unclear responses to the bid specifications. That firm did receive the highest score for price as exhibited on the summary report. However, when taking the technical score into account, the firm's composite score was only 74.66, ranked 4th lowest out of 6 bidders

Three firms scored well on the technical qualifications based upon their bid submittals. Two firms tied at 49.33 and one was close behind at 47.00.

The Part B (price) component revealed a \$36,000 difference between the three firms (Lockton at \$210,000, Milliman at \$199,500 and Segal at \$174,000).

The Segal Company received the highest composite score as tabulated by the Purchasing office.

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Attachment

APPENDIX IV-1

Rec'd TOM
5/13/08 from
T Sullivan

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
 BUREAU OF PURCHASES

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 2008 APR 30 A 9:11
 TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

SUMMARY REPORT: Health and Life Insurance Benefits Consultant
 BID NUMBER: 07-181

FIRM	RAW SCORE	TECHNICAL SCORE	COST	COST SCORE	COMPOSITE SCORE
Aon Consulting, Inc.	38.00	38.52	292,500.00	25.64	64.16
Lockton Companies, LLC	47.00	47.64	210,000.00	35.71	83.35
Milliman, Inc.	49.33	50.00	199,500.00	37.59	87.59
Ovation Benefits Group, LLC	Bid Rejected				
The Segal Company	49.33	50.00	174,000.00	43.10	93.10
Hollis D. Segur, Inc.	24.33	24.66	150,000.00	50.00	74.66
USI Connecticut	25.67	26.01	240,000.00	31.25	57.26



TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

MEM 10

Department of Finance
Bureau of Purchases
45 South Main Street
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492
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Fax (203) 294-2137

Memorandum

TO: Town Council
FROM: Sal Amadeo, Purchasing Agent 
DATE: May 13, 2008
SUBJECT: Public Bids 07-145 & 07-181 - Health & Life Insurance Benefits Consultant

Public Bid 07-145 - Health & Life Insurance Benefits Consultant

Terry Sullivan submitted specifications and a request to go out to bid on or about March 5, 2008.

Part A of the bid was opened on March 25th. We received six bid responses with one being rejected for disclosing their price in Part A. We forwarded the remaining five bids to the Personnel Department for evaluation.

After his initial evaluation, Terry called and informed me that only one firm met the minimum experience requirements as spelled out in the bid. I told him that if a firm does not meet the minimum qualifications their bid would have to be rejected. After a brief discussion we decided it would be best to change the bid specifications in an attempt to make it less restrictive and allow greater competition.

The Bid was rejected on March 27, 2008

Public Bid 07-181 - Health & Life Insurance Benefits Consultant - Rebid

Revised bid specifications and a request to go out to Re-bid were received on or about April 1, 2008.

Part A of the bid was opened on April 14th. We received seven bid responses with one being rejected for disclosing their price in Part A. We forwarded the remaining six bids to the Personnel Department for evaluation.

The opening of Part B was postponed from April 21st to April 29th to allow sufficient time to complete the evaluation of Part A. The ranking of Part A was received and posted by Purchasing on the morning of April 29th. Part B was opened that afternoon, the costs were evaluated and the ranking completed. Based on cost and the technical score, it was determined that the Segal Company was the highest ranked firm. See attached Summary Report.

Recommendation

In order to preserve the integrity of the bidding process, it is the recommendation of this office to award the bid to the highest ranked firm.

APPENDIX V-1

Rec'd TCM from
S. Amadeo
5/13/08

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD
 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
 BUREAU OF PURCHASES

SUMMARY REPORT: Health and Life Insurance Benefits Consultant BID NUMBER: 07-181

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