### TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Town Council Chambers

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### TUESDAY April 13, 2021 6:30 P.M. RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Cristopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Councilor Morgenstein was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present (BY TELECONFERENCE).

### **AGENDA**

Moment of Silence

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- 3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$16,277.57 (#779-832) Acct. #1001001-41020 Tax Collector
  - 3b. Approve Merit Reviews (2) Human Resources
  - 3c. Consider and Approve request from the First Congregational Church to use the Parade Grounds in front of their three buildings for outdoor Sunday morning services from Sunday, April 18 Sunday, June 27, 2021 from 10 am to Noon/Chairman Cervoni
  - 3d. Consider and approve transfer in the amount of \$2,000 from Contingency-General, Acct. # 100-19000-58820 to Overtime Acct. #100-20100-51400 Animal Control
  - 3e. Acceptance of overtime expenses from U.S. Secret Service and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$119.26 to Misc. Revenue Acct# 1009052-47040 And to Police Overtime Acct. #10020050-51400 Police Department
  - 3f. Acceptance of funds for Fire Watch services and consider and approve Appropriation of Funds in the amount of \$1,371.78 to Revenue Acct. Misc. Revenue #1009052-47040 and to Expense Acct. Replacement Pay #10020150-51500 Fire Department
  - 3g. Acceptance of Connecticut Fair Plan Grant and consider and approve Appropriation of Funds in the amount of \$449 to Revenue Acct. Grant Acct. Fund #250 TBD and to Expense Account Grant

Wallingford Town Hall, 45 South Main Street

### Acct. Fund 250 TBD - Fire Department

- 3h. Consider and Approve transfer in the amount of \$3,880 From: Maintenance of Building, Acet. #10020150-57000-00918, \$725 Cordless LED Tripod Light, Acct. #10020150-57000-00919, \$157 Rescue Equipment, Acct. #10020150-57000-00921, \$11 Body Armor-Ballistic Vests, Acct. #10020150-57000-00925, \$225 4-Gas Alert MicroClip XL, Acct. #10020150-57000-00926, \$258 Single Gas Meters, Acct. #10020150-57000-00927, \$77 Multi Manifold Unit, Acet. #10020150-57000-00928, \$275 5-Gas PID Meter, Acct. #10020150-57000-00929, \$646 RIT Pak, Acct. #10020150-57000-00930, \$1,150 Particulate Flash Hoods, Acet. #10020150-57000-00932, \$27 Walk Behind Mower, Acct. #10020150-57000-00933, \$295 Thermal Imaging Cameras, Acct. #10020150-57000-00934, \$21 Computer Upgrades, Acct. #10020150-57000-00936, \$13 And TO: Replacement Pay, Acct. #10020150-51500 \$3,880- Fire Department
- 3i. Consider and approve transfer in the amount of \$2,000 from Maint. of Building Acct. # 10020150-54315 to Maint. of Equipment Acct. #10020150-54325 Fire Department
- 3j. Consider and Approve transfer in the amount of \$3,529 FROM: Employee Assistance Progam, Acet. # 10020150-52950, \$529, Office Expenses, Acet. # 10020150-56100, \$2,500, Dues & Fees, Acet. #10020150-58810, \$500, TO: Telephone, Acet. # 10020150-53000 \$3,529 Fire Department
- 3k. Acceptance of Donation from Roehm America LLC and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,000 to Revenue Donations Acct. #2504002-47152 and to Expenses Health Acct.#250-TBD Health Department
- 31. Consider and Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,200 from Capital-Photo ID System,
  Acct. #10050050-57000-00939 to Capital-PC's Accessories, Acct. #10050050-57000-00941 Parks and Recreation Department
- 3m. Acceptance of Donation of Park Bench from Friends and Family of Ken Boisvert, valued at \$964, to be placed at Doolittle Park Parks and Recreation
- 3n. Set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to consider and act on the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$460,000 FOR SCHOOL SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PHASE IV AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$460,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

3o. Approve Town Council Minutes of March 24, 2021

### MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3o.

MADE BY:

LAFFIN

SECONDED BY:

**FISHBEIN** 

VOTE:

ALL AYE

MOTION:

**PASSED** 

- 4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - None
- 5. Public Question & Answer Period

There were no questions from the public.

6. COVID update from Stephen Civitelli, Health Director

Mr. Civitelli gave a presentation on COVID 19 (attached).

7. Discussion and Action to approve contract to purchase 100 Barnes Road for Police Department purposes.

In Attendance: William Wright, Police Chief

John Ventura, Deputy Police Chief

MOTION WAS MADE TO approve contract to purchase 100 Barnes Road for Police Department purposes.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

The Mayor stated the site is a one story building that sits on 9.2 acres. He went on to say the architect said it is a useful site that can be renovated to handle the Police Department's needs.

Chairman Cervoni stated the inadequacies of the current Police Department are stated in the 2007 report by former Chief Dortenzio.

Councilor Tatta indicated that 3.3 million is a significant amount of money. She would like the public to know a total amount in order to get the building where it needs to be. Chief Wright responded \$16 million hard cost, \$3.2 million soft cost and \$1.5 million contingent for a total of \$20.7 million.

Councilor Tatta indicated the location is not ideal to her. She said having the Police Department uptown is a huge benefit and a reassuring feeling.

Councilor Fishbein referenced the study they got and asked if it will be about \$26 million to get there. Chief Wright indicated that was a little high maybe \$23 to \$24 million.

Councilor Shortell asked for a breakdown of the current police force from a gender perspective. Chief stated there are presently seven female officers and they presently have six openings. If we fill them with either all males or females, we would be grown out of one locker room or the other. Chief explained this space will allow for future growth. He stated this is a professional modern building for the workforce. He went on to say they continue looking to diversify the workforce. Councilor Shortell stated he is in support of this.

Chairman Cervoni stated there are 11 patrol zones in town, 12 divided up depending how many resources we roll out on one shift.

Councilor Testa feels this is a worthwhile project and that we put this off long enough. He stated he is fully in favor.

Councilor Laffin thanked Chief Wright for his service and stated he trusts the location is a good one.

Councilor Tatta said she has the utmost trust in the Police Department and the Police Chief. She remarked about the economy and construction/lumber being much higher. She asked if that was factored in. She then stated there was a lot of pushback when we did not support the pool and this is for more money.

Chairman Cervoni spoke about the present economy and working from home and noted that is a significant factor in the acquisition price we are looking at.

Councilor Fishbein said there is no comparison between the pool and the Police Department in that there is no necessity for the pool but we have a necessity for the Police Department.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** SHORTELL: YES FISHBEIN: YES TATTA: NO LAFFIN: YES TESTA: YES MARRONE: YES ZANDRI: YES **MORGENSTEIN: ABSENT** CERVONI: YES

7-AYE 1-NAY 1-ABSENT

MOTION: PASSED

8. 6:30 p.m. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider and Act on the following ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING 3.3 MILLION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 100 BARNES ROAD FOR A NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3.3 MILLION BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

### EXCERPT FOR MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD HELD APRIL 13, 2021

Chairman Cervoni convened the public hearing and stated that the \$3.3 MILLION THE PURCHASE OF 100 Barnes Road FOR A NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS 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.

Councilor Laffin moved, and the motion was seconded by Councilor Fishbein, to read the title 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 this meeting.

Upon vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

VOTE: ALL AYE MOTION: PASSED

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3.3 MILLION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 100 BARNES ROAD FOR A NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3.3 MILLION BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Cervoni opened the Public Hearing.

There was no public comment.

Chairman Cervoni closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Cervoni called the Public Hearing adjourned.

Councilor Laffin moved, and the motion was seconded by Councilor Fishbein, that the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3.3 MILLION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 100 BARNES ROAD FOR A NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3.3 MILLION BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE BE ADOPTED.

### COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilor Fishbein remarked that \$3.3 million is for the acquisition of property and asked how we are paying for the rest of this. Mr. Bowes stated we will be back to get us to the point to put out construction bids.

Councilor Fishbein asked if this is a revision or separate bond. Mr. Bowes replied a new bond ordinance with new language in the body.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** SHORTELL: YES FISHBEIN: YES TATTA: NO LAFFIN: YES TESTA: YES MARRONE: YES ZANDRI: YES MORGENSTEIN: ABSENT CERVONI: YES

7-AYE 1-NAY 1-ABSENT

MOTION: PASSED

Chairman Cervoni declared the ordinance adopted.

- 9. Executive Session pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(D) with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property-Mayor *Withdrawn*
- 10. Executive Session pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation claim of Joseph Mule Human Resources

### MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:36 P.M.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to CGS §1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation claim of Joseph Mule.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:52 P.M.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN SECONDED BY: TATTA

VOTE: ALL AYE MOTION: PASSED

Time of Executive Session 7:36 P.M. to 7:52 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

FISHBEIN

MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.

LAFFIN

CORPORATION COUNSEL JANIS SMALL

**MARRONE** 

TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.

SHORTELL

ATTORNEY JOSEPH PASSARETTI

**TATTA** 

KURT TREIBER, RISK MANAGER

**TESTA** 

**ZANDRI** 

**CERVONI** 

11. Discussion and possible action regarding a settlement in the Workers' Compensation claim of Joseph Mule as discussed in Executive Session – Human Resources

> MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE a settlement in the Workers' Compensation Claim of Joseph Mule as discussed in Executive Session.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

SHORTELL: YES

FISHBEIN:

YES

TATTA: YES

LAFFIN:

YES

TESTA: YES

MARRONE: YES **ZANDRI:** YES

**MORGENSTEIN: ABSENT** 

CERVONI: YES

8-AYE

1-ABSENT

MOTION: PASSED

Chairman Cervoni adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Moss

Council Staff

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Deborah Mckurran TOWN CLERK

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$3.3 MILLION FOR THE PURCHASE OF 100 BARNES ROAD FOR A NEW POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3.3 MILLION 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 \$3.3 million is appropriated for the purchase of 100 Barnes Road in the Town of Wallingford for a new police headquarters, and for the design of a new police headquarters including planning and other consultants, environmental testing and clean up, demolition and removal of material and structures, site, environmental and hazardous material surveys and remediation, geotechnical engineering, architectural and engineering fees, development of bid specifications, equipment and services related thereto, administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs to the extent paid therefrom (the "Project").

Section 2. To meet said appropriation \$3.3 million 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 (the Town Officials), and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Town Officials. Said bonds shall be issued in the 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 Town Officials, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Town Officials, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Town Officials, and be approved as to their legality by bond counsel. They shall bear such rate or rates of interest as shall be determined by the Town Officials. 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, that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall be paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other sources. 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 Town Officials, in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the Town Officials, 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 approved by the Town Officials.

Section 4. The Town Officials 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 Town Officials, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the Town Officials, be approved as to their legality by bond counsel, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the Town Officials, 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, that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon and shall be paid from property taxation to the extent not paid from other sources. 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 Town Officials, 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 herein.

Section 7. It is hereby found and determined that it is in public interest to issue all, or a portion of, the Bonds, Notes or other obligations of the Town as qualified private activity bonds, or with interest that is includable in gross income of the holders thereof for purposes of federal income taxation. The Town Officials are hereby authorized to issue and utilize without further approval any financing alternative currently or hereafter available to municipal governments pursuant to law including but not limited to any "tax credit bonds" or "Build America Bonds" including Direct Payment and Tax Credit versions.



### WALLINGFORD HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATE DEPARTMENT

Date of Report: April 13, 2021 Stephen A. Civitelli, RS, MPH Director of Health



# MONTHLY CONFIRMED CASE TOTALS

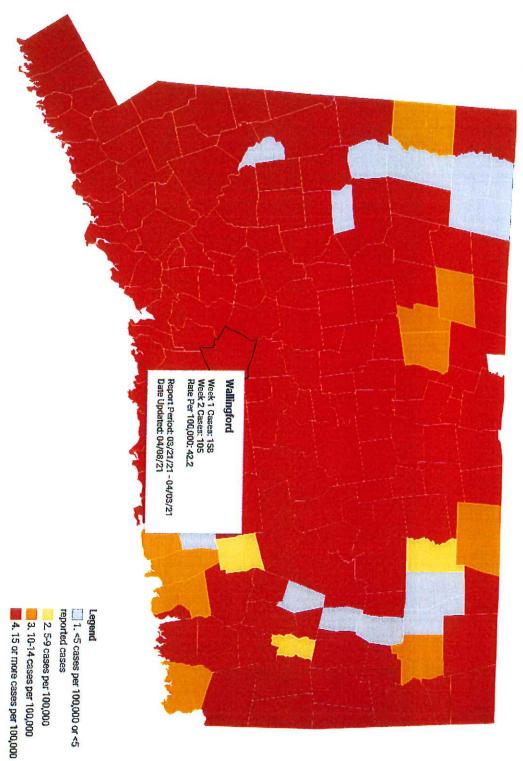
- · Total Cases 4,228
- · September 80 Confirmed Cases
- · October 233 Confirmed Cases
- November 513 Confirmed Cases
- December 467 Confirmed Cases
- January 333 Confirmed Cases
- February 141 Confirmed Cases
- · March 228 Confirmed Cases
- April 59 Confirmed Cases



## HOSPITALIZATIONS/FATALITIES

- Hospitalizations Statewide -531 as of (4/12/21)
- 167 total fatalities as of (4/9/21) No increase since last report
- Total # of tests conducted 124,125

Population By Town Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases Among Persons Living in Community Settings per 100,000



## CLINICS COMPLETED

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February 11 – 1<sup>st</sup> dose 75+ (276)

February 13 - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinics for medical first responders and 75+ (70)

February 18 - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinic 75+ (251)

February 20 – 1<sup>st</sup> dose clinic 65+ (204)

February 25 – 1<sup>st</sup> dose and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinic (437)
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January 29 - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinic medical 1<sup>st</sup> responders (20)
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- 1st dose and 2nd dose clinic (437)
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## CLINICS COMPLETED CONTINUED

March 4 - 1st dose and 2nd dose clinic (420)

March 11 - 1st dose and 2nd dose clinic (422)

March 12 - 1st dose J and J clinic (150)

March 18 - 1st dose clinic (381)

March 20 - 2nd dose clinic (220)

March 25 – 1st dose and 2nd dose clinic (450)

March 30 - Homebound

April 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinic (205)

April 6 - Wallingford Housing Authority (55)

April 7 - Homebound

pril 8 - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinic (180)

pril 10 - Homebound

### **CLINICS SCHEDULED**

April 13 - Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW)

April 15 - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinic

April 17 - Homebound

April 22 - 2<sup>nd</sup> dose clinic

Masonicare/Gaylord Hospital/Choate/Allnex/Wallingford Fire Department/BOE Nurses partnering in vaccination of residents and critical

## VACCINE REGISTRATION



Town of Wallingford, Health Department 45 South Main St. Wallingford CT 06492

Dear Wallingsford Residents:

At part of the continued assisted of recommisses in the Schee of Connections the Wallingford Health Department has being mented the Standard Condinues for training and the Standard Standard Standard Condinues for training to the Standard Standard

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Algreens Fluorescy, 234 South Colony Road, Wallingford CT 06492

accine Emiler is a website that shows all clinics with a militality within a geographic location of your choosing by p code and directs individuals to the appropriate coordinating rectains. https://www.individuals.com/www.htm.co

The Health Department will continue to provide updates to the community as information becomes available.

Stephen A. Birtidli

Stephen A. Civitelli, RS., MPH Director of Health Town of Wallingford



## VACCINATION STATISTICS

- · 21,504 residents have received 1st dose (48.51%)
- 92.7% of 75+ years old residents received 1st dose
- 96% of residents 65-74 years old received 1st dose