

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 10, 1990

7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk (10)

AGENDA

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$500.00 to Part Time Wages - Veterans Service Center
3. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$6,458.00 affecting the Local Match, YSB Director, and YSB Program Coordinator accounts - Youth Service Bureau
4. Annual Awards Program - Fire Department
5. Accept Donation of Flag Pole by Pierloni Welding Company - Mayor's Office
6. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.
7. Public Hearing on an Ordinance Appropriating \$1,195,000.00 for Various Municipal Capital Improvements 1990-91 - Comptroller's Office - 7:45 P.M.
8. Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid and Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$2,350.00 to cover the expense of having a portrait painted of the former Mayor Vumbaco and to repair and reframe the portrait of former Mayor Carini - Mayor's Office
9. Discussion and Possible Action on proposals for solving the parking problem at the Town Hall
10. Discussion and Possible Action on the formation of a three member subcommittee to investigate the feasibility of building a municipal golf course in town - Council Member Steven B. Holmes
11. Consider and Approve a Contract Agreement with Local 1183 and a Transfer of Funds/Budget Amendment in the amount of \$206,688.00 along with the revised Budget pages for Water & Sewer Division in connection with the proposed contract - Personnel Department
12. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$12,747.00 within the Department of Public Utilities to purchase a replacement car for the Director - P.U.C.
13. Consider and Approve two Resolutions authorizing the Mayor to sign applications for funding continuation of the Social Service Block Grant and to support the S.C.O.W. organization - Program Planner's Office
14. Consider and Approve the addition of two recycling containers at the Voluntary Drop-Off Recycling Center - Recycling Committee
15. Consider and Approve the extension of the Janitorial Contract to Clean Machine for services at 701 Center Street - Public Works Department

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16. Accept the Minutes of the May 22, 1990 Town Council Meeting

17. Correspondence

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7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, July 10, 1990 in the Council Chambers and called to order by Albert E. Killen, Chairman at 7:09 P.M. Council Members Bradley, Duryea, Gouveia, Killen, Papale and Zandri answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall. Council Member Holmes arrived at 7:12 P.M. and Council Member Solinsky arrived at 7:28 P.M. Council Member Robert Parisi was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Comptroller Thomas A. Myers, and Assistant Town Attorney Janice Small were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$500. From Acct. #001-8050-800-3190, Contingency, Reserve for Emergency to Acct. #001-3090-100-1350, Part-Time Wages - Veterans Service Center

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mr. Holmes arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Mr. John Barnes, Director, Veterans Service Center explained that with this \$.50/hour increase the rate of pay for this individual still remains below the minimum wage for a Clerk Typist I position.

Mr. Zandri asked how the pay for this position compared to others in the same category?

Mr. Barnes stated that he believed this particular position paid less in comparison.

Mayor Dickinson stated that his understanding was that the raise brings the pay to the mid-range of what other part-time positions are earning. There really is no uniformity to part-time positions/wages.

Mr. Zandri was concerned over the fact that the increase amounted to approximately 7%.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that with part-time wages, particularly this one, 7% doesn't reflect a large increase in pay.

VOTE: Parisi & Solinsky were absent; Killen & Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$6,458.00 affecting the Local Match, YSB Director, and YSB Program Coordinator accounts as follows:

INCREASE:	Acct. #12-1040-060-6000	Local Match	\$6,458.00
TO:	Acct. #12-9000-100-1200	YSB Director	3,825.00
	Acct. #12-9000-100-1360	YSB Program Coord.	2,633.00

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Mr. Gouveia stated that this transfer was approved at a previous meeting (June 12, 1990, Agenda Item #13a) and failed to see why it was before the Council again.

Mayor Dickinson explained that since it pertains to funds received from a grant, it needs to be amended for deposit into the appropriate accounts.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road objected to funding this department. He believed this department was violating his daughter's rights by advocating, through the use of a card, planned parenthood (abortion) which is in direct conflict with her religious upbringing and beliefs. He went on to say that he believed that the Town of Wallingford had violated the neutrality theory of the Constitution of the United States which states that a government must be neutral on religious matters. He felt that the Mayor's Council on Drug Abuse has taken a position that is not neutral by advocating the printing of the information on the identification cards issued by the Youth Service Bureau.

VOTE: Parisi & Solinsky were absent; Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Waive Rule V Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Waive Rule V of the Town Council Procedures for the purpose of Considering and Approving a Resolution seeking Approval for the Mayor's Council on Substance Abuse to Apply for Continuing CADAC Funds in the amount of \$5,665.00 due by August 3, 1990. Seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi & Solinsky were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Consider and Approve a Resolution Seeking Approval for the Mayor's Council on Substance Abuse to Apply for Continuing CADAC Funds in the amount of \$5,665.00 due by August 3, 1990. Seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mr. Bradley read the Resolution into the record.

Mr. Bradley asked if this grant is awarded yearly?

Ms. Susan McLaughlin responded that this is the fourth year the Town has requested and has been granted the funds. Word is that the State will offer these funds for one more year, possibly two.

Mr. Bradley asked why this item was not included on the agenda and had to be addressed under Waiver of Rule V? Was there a particular reason that the information was not submitted to the Mayor's Office by noon of the Wednesday previous to this evening's meeting?

Ms. McLaughlin responded that she overlooked the deadline of August 3, for the application for funding. She apologized.

She gave a brief explanation of what the funds are used for. The Mayor's Council on Substance Abuse was a recipient of a portion of the money, as was the Project Graduation and Safe Homes Programs.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road repeated his objection to the funding for this department.

VOTE: Parisi & Solinsky were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Move Agenda Item #11 up to the next order of business, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi & Solinsky were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve a Contract Agreement with Local 1183 (the item was broken into separate motions).

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mr. Solinsky arrived at 7:28 P.M.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he is a strong union supporter and asked how much the agency fee is?

Mr. Thomas Sharkey, Assistant Personnel Director responded that he was not entirely sure of the percentage of dues that was applied to the agency fee.

Mr. Gouveia asked if part of the dues went towards political contributions?

Mr. Sharkey responded, yes, some of the dues are used for lobbying and other political business, however, a union member can request that the portion of their dues used in this fashion be waived. Mr. Sharkey knows of one union member exercising this right.

Mr. Gouveia expressed his dissatisfaction with the process that the union member is subjected to in applying for reimbursement of those dues that are waived. He felt that each union member should be aware of exactly what percentage of their dues are contributed to political aspects so that they can deduct that amount from their contribution and avoid having to apply for reimbursement.

Mr. Gouveia referred to Article 5, Section 2, entitled, "Hours of Work for Public Works Landfill" and asked if that is now obsolete?

Mr. Sharkey explained that one employee remains selling coupons.

Mr. Gouveia asked if there was a possibility of negotiating with the union next year the switching of holidays so that instead of having the day following Thanksgiving off, the Town would take Martin Luther King's birthday off. Wallingford is one of only two municipalities who do not recognize the holiday by closing offices.

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Attorney Dennis Ciccarillo with the Law Firm of Isenberg, Anderson, Michalik & Lynch addressed the Council. He stated that at one point there was a proposal from the union to include Martin Luther King Day but not to substitute it for another holiday. The result was to not take any new holidays.

Mr. Gouveia felt it would be a nice gesture of the Town to observe the day.

Mr. Solinsky asked if Saturday hours were included for the landfill?

Atty. Ciccarillo was not sure what hours are actually worked at the landfill. He believes there was no change in the hours.

Mr. Solinsky pointed out that under Article 5, Section 2, Saturdays are not referenced.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds to be taken from Acct. #001-8050-300-3230, General Government to various accounts for a total of \$206,688.00 along with the revised budget pages for the Water & Sewer Division in connection with the proposed contract.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$141.00 for Acct. #012-1040-060-6000, Town of Wallingford Contribution, Acct. #012-9000-100-1300, Youth Service Bureau Clerk, \$91.00, and Acct. #012-9000-100-1750, Longevity, \$50.00 - Personnel Department

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Annual Awards Program - Fire Department

Chief Mcelfish addressed all in attendance to explain that the recipient of the awards this evening were nominated by their peers as well as other agencies within their departments. He thanked numerous people for their support and help in planning the ceremony.

Various awards were bestowed upon individuals who were congratulated by the Mayor and Mr. Killen.

All present acknowledged the individuals and their outstanding contributions to the Town of Wallingford.

ITEM #7 Public Hearing on an Ordinance Appropriating \$1,195,000.00 for Various Municipal Capital Improvements 1990-91 - Comptroller's Office

Mr. Bradley read the ordinance in its entirety into the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road asked why Chimney Hill Road was omitted from the list of projects?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the Town recently spent close to \$2 million on Parker Farm and Cook Hill Roads over the past 2 years. Those projects were entirely funded by the Town outside of the bond program. He went on to say that it was a mere coincidence that both projects were on the west side of town and that he did not favor the west side over the east as Mr. Cronin would like to believe.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road was the next to speak. He was a bit confused over the projects and asked that they be explained to him. Mr. Killen did so.

Mr. Gouveia asked if a revised copy of the Capital Budget was forwarded to all Council Members. If so, he was missing his and requested a second copy. He wanted to make sure that priorities were in place so as to avoid a problem similar to the East Main Street issue.

Mr. John Costello, Town Engineer explained to the Council that the fees of \$20,000. and \$25,000. for Wall Street - Wharton Brook and Pond Hill - Wharton Brook were strictly engineering fees.

Mr. Killen thanked him for pointing it out but was at odds since the ordinance did not specify this. He asked that in the future the ordinance specify what exactly the fees are for, whether it is construction or engineering.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the \$500,000. allocated for Toelles Road was for the entire project?

Mr. Costello responded that it was for the railroad crossing project finished a few years ago to the bridge project also finished some years ago.

Mr. Solinsky asked where the boundary of the Town ended in the area of Hartford Turnpike?

Mr. Costello answered that it ended at the end of Toelles Road.

Mr. Solinsky then asked if the \$500,000.00 is the total price for the entire project? He did not want it to turn into another North Airline Road where the road was reworked after completing the project.

Mr. Costello answered that it is a one-phase project.

Mr. Solinsky asked Mr. Costello to detail the work that is to be performed.

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Mr. Costello explained that the existing pavement will be removed, new pavement installed, storm drainage added where there is none, a drainage problem exists on the east side of the road that will be corrected by lowering the existing drains, curbs will be installed a residential and industrial cross-section of pavement approximately 6" in depth will be installed as opposed to the 4" standard.

Mr. Solinsky asked if any legal problems with easements existed?

Mr. Costello responded, at this time, no.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the title for the land has been searched?

Mr. Costello stated that the property lines have been well defined on both sides.

Mr. Solinsky asked if there would be substantial widening of the road?

Mr. Costello stated that the road would be widened from the existing 20' to 30'.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the Town's right of way has been researched?

Mr. Costello responded, not really.

Mr. Solinsky asked if Mr. Costello anticipated any problem with failing to research the Town's right of way?

Mr. Costello did not.

Mr. Holmes asked if any plans were in the works regarding additional vehicle lanes to eliminate the traffic congestion in the morning?

Mr. Costello answered that there were no plans at the moment, the project was still in the surveying stage but he imagined that the multiple lanes would be extended to the west.

Attorney Fasi recommended that the motion be amended to specify that the \$20,000.00 for Wall Street - Wharton Brook and the \$25,000.00 for Pond Hill Road - Wharton Brook were fees for the engineering phase of the project only. Motion was amended by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Ms. Papale to add the friendly amendment to the original motion.

Mr. Bradley asked if the other projects listed were in the engineering phase or had that stage been completed?

Mr. Costello explained that the engineering phase of Ward Street Ext. was complete.

Mr. Bradley asked what was being gained by having the engineering phase of a project in a prior year?

Mr. Costello stated that it was normal procedure with the bridge projects.

Mr. Gouveia stated that the Six Year Capital Budget was adopted in the budget session which now is totally different than what was adopted, should the Council re-adopt the Six Year Capital Budget?

Mr. Killen's understanding was that the Six Year Budget was more or less a guide. The first year of the Budget is the only one that has any bearing.

Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Costello to detail the remaining 5 year's anticipated projects.

Mr. Costello stated that the F.Y. '91-'92 Budget reflects \$500,000.00 for Jobs Road, \$150,000.00 for Wall St. - Wharton Brook (construction cost of the bridge), \$175,000.00 for Pond Hill Road over Wharton Brook (bridge), \$15,000.00 engineering fee for Quinnipiac St. Bridge (over the river).

For F.Y. '92-'93: \$750,000.00 for South Branford Road, \$100,000.00 for the Quinnipiac St. Bridge (over the river).

Mr. Costello explained that the rest of the year's projects remain the same as was presented at the budget workshops.

VOTE ON ORDINANCE AS AMENDED: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road reminded Mr. Myers of a request made by Mr. Cronin at a Town Council Meeting held 4 weeks prior to this meeting that he wanted a breakdown of revenues with regards to the Revaluation Project.

Mr. Myers responded that the information requested by Mr. Cronin is now available and handed it to Mr. Cronin.

ITEM #5 Accept Donation of Flag Pole by Pierloni Welding Company - Mayor's Office

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

The Mayor's Office did check with most departments to see if any were interested in the donation. The Housing Authority was interested.

Mr. Solinsky stated that he has viewed the flag pole down at the Yale Motor Inn and was very impressed with it. It was of the large, stainless steel type and wanted all to know the value and generosity that was bestowed upon the Town by this gift.

Mrs. Duryea contacted Mr. John Pierloni to request his presence at this meeting to recognize his donation. He was embarrassed to do so, therefore, Mrs. Duryea thanked him on behalf of the Town.

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VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid and Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$2,350.00 to cover the expense of having a portrait painted of the former Mayor Vumbaco and to repair and reframe the portrait of former Mayor Carini - Mayor's Office

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

The Transfer would be from Acct. #8050-800-3190, Contingency, Reserve for Emergency to Acct. #1300-900-9050, Professional Services - Mayoral Portrait.

Mr. Bradley read correspondence from the Mayor's Office stating that the total funds are to be allocated as follows:

Mayor Vumbaco's Portrait	\$ 1,750.00
Frame	300.00
Frame - Mayor Carini	300.00
Total	\$ 2,350.00

Mr. Bradley made a motion to Waive the Bid for the required paintings. Seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$2,350.00, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen's vote was no due to the origin of the transfer with regards to accounts.

Waive Rule V Mr. Gouveia made a motion to Waive Rule V to Discuss Naming the Auditorium The Robert Earley Auditorium, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Gouveia expressed his desire to have the Town Attorney draw up a Resolution naming the Town Hall Auditorium the Robert Earley Auditorium since Mr. Earley was principal for many years here at the former Lyman Hall High School before its conversion to the Town Hall.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; Solinsky, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mr. Solinsky pointed out Mr. Gouveia's remarks from the June 26, 1990 meeting where Mr. Gouveia stated that items dealt with under the Waiver of Rule V requested by Council Members should be moved towards the end of the agenda.

Mr. Solinsky felt that if an agenda has been preset, the Council should adhere to it as closely as is possible.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Gouveia if he minded waiting until the next Council meeting for the Resolution to be presented?

Mr. Gouveia did not mind.

Mr. Gouveia made a motion to Ask that the Town Attorney Draft a Resolution Dedicating the Town Hall Auditorium to the Name of Robert Earley. Seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 Discussion and Possible Action on Proposals for Solving the Parking Problem at the Town Hall as requested by Council Member Edward R. Bradley.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Bradley reminded everyone that at the last meeting, he requested that anyone who may have ideas, suggestions on the issue bring them forward tonight.

Gallagher Travel forwarded correspondence stating that they are willing to offer some parking spaces for a nominal fee.

Mayor Dickinson was working on a possible option with Mr. Costello, Town Engineer. Councilor Zandri offered two options, 1) construction of a parking garage and 2) purchase of land across the street from the Town Hall.

Mayor Dickinson reported out to the council that he has again met with the American Legion and there seems to be a renewed possibility of purchase of the American Legion. A new sales agreement will be drawn up which will hopefully affect the purchase of the property. If that is to be the case, the Town would acquire, initially, 20 spaces. That in combination with the redrawing of the lines in the existing parking lot will give us all but 6 of the spaces we are in need of. The remaining 6 can be obtained by changing Prince Street to a one-way thoroughfare. He felt these ideas would offer a fairly fast solution to the problem.

Mr. Holmes asked what was the possibility of taking the buffer of land between the parking lot and Prince Street and turning it into an additional row of parking with cars parked "head in" from Prince St.?

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that Mr. Costello had considered the idea but it needed a variance. The Mayor frowned upon the idea of applying to Planning & Zoning for a variance that typically the Town is against.

Mr. Holmes stated that he has heard that the price of the property located across the street from the Town Hall has dropped substantially.

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Mayor Dickinson did not feel that this was a strong option to consider since the Town would be party in a lawsuit over the use of the land for parking.

Mr. Holmes asked how serious the American Legion was with their willingness/intentions to close a possible deal on the sale of their land?

Mayor Dickinson met with them today. The Board of Trustees were very interested. The current vote by the membership is against a sale of the property. The Town will need to make a proposal for them to take to their membership for approval. He feels that a new proposal can be drawn up in one week. It would take approximately 10 days to 2 weeks to be presented to the membership and an answer could be forthcoming in a fairly short amount of time.

Mr. Bradley asked the Mayor what the outcome was of the proposal discussed at the February Town Council Meeting?

Mayor Dickinson stated that at that particular time the American Legion was not interested in selling.

Mr. Bradley pointed out that in the drawing he was reviewing, the American Legion offered a total of 32 parking spaces.

Mayor Dickinson responded that the American Legion requires 12 spaces for their own use.

Mr. Zandri asked if the purchase of the Legion included a purchase/lease back option?

Mayor Dickinson answered that it was a purchase/life use situation.

Mr. Zandri asked if the option of re-drawing the lines in the existing parking lot to gain extra spaces could be implemented immediately?

Mayor Dickinson needed to review the issue with Mr. Costello.

Mr. Zandri asked the Mayor, regardless of what transpires between the Town and the Legion, the parking lot re-striping and the act of making Prince Street one-way would still need to be done?

Mayor Dickinson responded, most likely yes.

Mr. Zandri felt those options should be incorporated immediately and then return in a short period of time with the other proposals.

Mayor Dickinson would research the information and report back.

Mr. Zandri stated that the option of 88 S. Main Street not be forgotten since the Town could always utilize the property for office space as well as parking spaces.

Mr. Gouveia asked the Mayor if the option of outright selling 41 S. Main Street had been ruled out?

Mayor Dickinson responded, yes.

Mr. Bradley asked if the Town could lease the parking spaces from the Legion?

Mayor Dickinson's impression was that the Board of Trustees were not interested in a leasing option.

Mr. Gouveia felt that all the suggestions/options proposed up until this point were band-aid approaches and that the Town should be seeking long-term solutions.

Mr. Bradley asked the Mayor if it would be in the best interest of the Town and also for future planning to try and obtain purchase options on all properties?

Mayor Dickinson will speak with the Town Attorney on this issue. Generally, the Town would have to pay for that option. For the Town to pay for an option does not seem necessary given our ability to purchase once a piece of property goes on the market. He failed to see a reason for paying for the options.

Mr. Bradley asked what gives the Town the right to purchase first?

Mayor Dickinson responded, the eminent domain capability.

Ms. Papale asked what the procedure was for alerting the public to the fact that Prince St. could become one-way?

Mayor Dickinson informed Ms. Papale that under the Traffic Authority advertising would need to take place and a process to follow.

The majority of the Council agreed that the restriping of the existing parking lot and the making of Prince St. one-way should be started as soon as possible.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he was not entirely sure, without looking at the figures, that the American Legion option was the most cost-effective solution.

Mr. Zandri wanted the topic of making Prince St. one-way on the next Town Council Meeting Agenda out of the courtesy for those residents on Prince Street. He felt all options should be presented on the same day for comparison.

Mrs. Duryea asked the Mayor if any restrictions applied to the size of the building should one be built at 88 S. Main Street?

Mayor Dickinson was not entirely sure. He felt that there would be legitimate concerns with regards to the design of the building since it would be located in a proposed Historic District.

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Mrs. Duryea asked if it was possible to obtain an approximate cost figure for constructing a building?

Mayor Dickinson offered to try and work up a figure of what new construction is.

Mr. Solinsky felt it was not worth the effort to make Prince Street one-way to gain 6 spaces.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that 20 spaces would only be obtained from the Legion if the Town agreed to install a retaining wall. This stipulation was not included in the previous proposal to the Legion. The longer it is dragged out, the more costly the project becomes.

Mr. Zandri asked the Mayor if he had a problem with proceeding with restriping the parking lot immediately?

Mayor Dickinson could not answer the question without knowing whether or not it involved any contingency work. He had no objection to it happening immediately if there were no obstacles.

Mrs. Duryea asked the Chairman if this issue should be dealt with at a special meeting rather than a regular meeting?

Mr. Killen responded that everyone would need to develop their suggestions and research them prior to a meeting to avoid this dragging on.

Mr. Zandri was in possession of two proposals which he researched and was prepared to present.

The following suggestions/recommendations/ideas were presented this evening and will be researched and elaborated upon at a future meeting of the Council when this issue appears as an agenda item.

1. American Legion Property - Mayor/Town Attorney
2. Parking Garage - Councilor Geno J. Zandri, Jr.
3. Prince Street Transition to One-Way - Mayor/Town Attorney
4. Property located at 88 S. Main St. - Mayor/Town Attorney

Mr. Solinsky supported purchasing the property located at 88 S. Main St.

It was agreed upon that all proposals/suggestions/ideas/recommendations will be researched and presented at the August 14, 1990 Town Council Meeting.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road felt that a parking lot should be constructed near the Vietnam Veteran's field with a shuttle bus bringing employees to the Town Hall. He also felt that there was an abundance of property down at the Electric Division and the Pierce Plant for parking and shuttle service. He suggested that any employee living within 1 mile of the Town Hall should walk to work.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road offered his suggestions. He pointed out that there are approximately 75-80 parking spaces located at the bottom of Prince Street. Employees should park there and walk to the Town Hall.

The revised list of suggestions/recommendations/ideas is as follows:

1. American Legion Property - Mayor/Town Attorney
2. Parking Garage - Councilor Geno J. Zandri, Jr.
3. Prince Street Transition to One-Way - Mayor/Town Attorney
4. Property located at 88 S. Main St. - Mayor/Town Attorney
5. Parking Lot - Vietnam Veteran's Field - Shuttle - Edward Musso
6. Pierce Plant Parking Lot - Shuttle - Edward Musso
7. Parking Lot - West End of Prince Street - Walking - Tim Cronin

Mr. Zandri felt that the residents of Prince Street and the surrounding area be notified of item #3 on the list of suggestions so that they have the opportunity to be present at the meeting to voice their feelings on the issue.

ITEM #10 Discussion and Possible Action on the Formation of a Three Member Subcommittee to Investigate the Feasibility of Building a Municipal Golf Course in Town as requested by Councilor Steven B. Holmes.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes explained that several years ago the Town had considered building a municipal golf course and, needless to say, had failed to gain enough support. He would like to form a three member subcommittee (of which he has two volunteers currently) and meet with the Recreation Director to view the plans that are currently on file in his office in the hopes that this issue may be of interest to the residents and Town officials this time around. The property that is under consideration would be located in the vicinity of the Vietnam Veteran's Complex. Mr. Holmes will meet with Sam Shepardson to review the Town's land holdings. He stated that he is only seeking the Council's consent to open discussion on this matter, he is not seeking funding for the project at this stage. He pointed out that golf courses are self-sustaining, service their own debt, pay for their own employees and when properly operated, will generate revenue for the Town.

Mr. Bradley felt this was a worthy cause to form a subcommittee. He hoped that it would be considered a long-range plan with other priorities being taken care of first.

Mr. Zandri supported the study and agreed that, if it is self-sustaining and the project is funded through bonding, it would take care of its own bonding. It should not impact any of the projects the Town would be involved in. He felt, however, that facts and figures would need to be reviewed prior to any decisions.

Ms. Papale favored the study.

Mr. Zandri asked Mr. Holmes if his committee would be open to public input/participation?

Mr. Holmes stated most definitely.

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Mr. Holmes stated that Mrs. Duryea and Mr. Parisi have volunteered for the committee.

Mr. Killen suggested that the three members research the previous plans for the pitfalls and report back to the Council.

Mr. Solinsky favored the study and asked that the charge not be limited to the piece of property located on the east side of Town (Vietnam Veteran's Complex). He pointed out that the Town already owns the property which will not be developed. Perhaps the committee should consider the purchase of property that is not currently owned by the Town, therefore blocking further development.

Mr. Salvatore Falconieri, 281 Grieb Road stated that although he pays taxes for the Town pool, tennis courts, parks, etc., he does not use them. If a golf course is built he would be willing to pay to use it. He stated that the three golf courses in Town are much too expensive to use, a normal salaried employee could not afford to play at the country clubs. He volunteered to serve on the committee.

Lester Slie, 18 Green Street informed everyone that this issue has been ongoing since Former Mayor Bertini. He attributed the failure to pass this on the Council's inability to listen to the public. He claimed that the Town ran short approximately \$75,000.00 to build a road and threw the project out the window. That \$75,000.00 will now cost the Town \$2 million. He pointed out that the Town of Wallingford offers golf lessons to the youth of the Town through the Parks & Recreation Department only to have them leave town to play somewhere else. He also volunteered to serve on the committee.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road felt that the individuals who play golf and have voiced their opinion this evening should be the ones paying for the golf course. He did not feel that he should pay for something he would have no use for.

Mr. Holmes explained that those individuals who would be playing golf are the ones who would be paying for it.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road supported the building of a municipal golf course.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$12,747.00 within the Department of Public Utilities to purchase a replacement car for the Director - P.U.C. from Acct. #314 - Turbo Gen. Units to Acct. #392, Transportation Equipment.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Ms. Papale asked Mr. Smith what he has been using for transportation since the accident?

Mr. Raymond Smith, Director of the Public Utilities Commission replied, a rental car.

Ms. Papale asked what the cost is?

Mr. Smith stated that he honestly did not know. He is currently renting under a monthly plan.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the insurance was paying for the rental car?

Mr. Smith replied, no.

Mr. Bradley asked if the \$12,747.00 was in addition to the reimbursement from the insurance company?

Mr. Smith replied, no, the total cost was \$12,747.00. The \$6,000.00 from the insurance company is returned to the Town as miscellaneous income into a famous account.

Mr. Killen asked how the rental car was funded?

Mr. Smith replied, out of the operating budget.

Mr. Killen asked under which account?

Mr. Smith was not sure. It was being taken out of the distribution system of the operating budget.

Mr. Killen had a problem with this. He felt that the intent of the Council is not to o.k. funds for a rental car out of the operating expenses.

Mr. Smith stated that this has been done on many occasions. There is no way of knowing what the expenses will be to operate the business.

Mr. Killen stated that it has never come out before the Council in this manner. He wondered why the Council tries to break down accounts to truly reflect their intent when the Electric Division uses money for something such as this.

Mr. Zandri asked why the insurance company does not pay for the rental car?

Mr. Smith checked with the Risk Manager's Office, the rental car is not paid for by the insurance company.

Mr. Holmes explained that with the number of cars the Town insures, it was deemed cheaper to not pay for this option of coverage.

Mr. Solinsky asked what type of car Mr. Smith was purchasing?

Mr. Smith responded, a Chevrolet Lumina.

Mr. Gouveia asked if Mr. Smith was still driving the original rental car?

Mr. Smith, no. He is renting through National as opposed to Valenti.

Mr. Gouveia asked if there was another car within the division or the Town that Mr. Smith could have been using?

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Mr. Smith responded, not within the Division's fleet, no.

Mr. Killen asked how much has been paid out in rental to date?

Mr. Smith answered, he did not know. It was not over \$2,000.00, he believed it was less than \$1,000.00.

Mr. Gouveia stated that, although he would vote yes for the purchase of the car, he was not at all satisfied with the fact that another Town vehicle could not be utilized.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve two Resolutions Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Applications for Funding Continuation of the Social Service Block Grant and to Support the S.C.O.W. Organization - Program Planner's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mr. Bradley read the correspondence into the record from Mr. Donald Roe, Program Planner.

Mr. Bradley made a motion to Table Agenda Item #13, seconded Duryea. Mr. Roe was not present at the meeting to represent his item.

VOTE: Holmes & Parisi were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve the Addition of Two Recycling Containers at the Voluntary Drop-Off Recycling Center - Recycling Committee

The Recycling Committee requested consideration and approval of adding a recycling bin for outdated telephone directories which would be serviced by S.N.E.T. and also a bin serviced by the Salvation Army.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mrs. Duryea asked that the Salvation Army take better care of this bin than the one located at the old Stop & Shop location.

Mr. Mario Tolla, Chairman of the Recycling Committee felt that it would not be a problem this time. He stated that the Salvation Army has not been contacted yet, if the Council had another choice, he would certainly research it.

Mr. Bradley asked if Salvation Army/S.N.E.T. visits the sites on a regular basis, or will the Town have to call them?

Mr. Tolla stated that either himself, or Program Planning will call them.

Mr. Solinsky made a motion to contact Salvation Army first and Goodwill second should Salvation Army not be interested, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes & Parisi were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 Consider and Approve the Extension of the Janitorial Contract to Clean Machine for Services at 701 Center Street - Public Works Dept.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Mayor Dickinson stated that the money was budgeted but a confirmation from the Recreation Department was required due to the necessity to extend the hours. That explains the reason that there is no transfer accompanying this item.

Mr. Killen explained that this needs to be reduced to writing at the time of the budget hearings due to the fact that if the Council saw fit to vote against this item, that amounts to \$7,000.00 that was tacked onto the mill rate.

VOTE: Holmes & Parisi were absent; all others; aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16 Accept the Minutes of the May 22, 1990 Town Council Meeting

Motion to Accept the Minutes of May 22, 1990 was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #17 Correspondence

Mr. Bradley read a letter addressed to Mr. Thomas Myers, Comptroller from Mr. Frederick G. Lantz, Government Finance Officers Association congratulating him on the qualification for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. It is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Council and Mayor extended their congratulations to Mr. Myers on his outstanding achievement.

Mr. Myers extended his thanks to the Mayor, Council and the employees of the Finance Department for making it all possible.

Mayor Dickinson admitted that it is an entire department commitment, however, it requires volunteer effort truly above the normal workday requirements for Mr. Myers to pursue this and affect the changes and recommendations this organization makes in order to qualify each year.

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Mr. Killen apologized that Mr. Myers recognition came at the end of the evening when the public was not available to witness this achievement.

A press release will inform the public.

Mr. Gouveia praised Mr. Myers's efforts to always fulfill any/all requests made of his office in a expedient timeframe.

Mr. Holmes extended his appreciation of Mr. Myers's office to keep the Council informed and the Town's funds in order.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Papale.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

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Albert E. Killen, Chairman

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Kathryn J. Wall
Town Clerk

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