

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT**

*Special Town Council Meeting*

**APRIL 21, 2010**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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The following Minutes are the record of a Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council which was held in the Robert Earley Auditorium of Town Hall. Chairman Robert F. Parisi Called to Order at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Jerry Farrell, Jr., Craig C. Fishbein, John LeTourneau, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present.

The meeting began with A Moment of Silence. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call was taken.

**AMENDED AGENDA**

**3. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

*In attendance: Henry McCully, Director of Public Works  
Raeline Hendricks*

Councilors discussed with Mr. McCully the following budget lines:

- 9126 – Truck Wash building –Restore Repair - \$49,000
- 9022 - Purchased Professional Services- Waste & Compost -\$252,000 (Covanta)
- 9111 – Class 8 Plow Truck w/Equipment & Accessories – no Mayoral approval
- 9905 – Small Drainage Project
- 9020 - Purchased Professional Services-Hazardous Waste
- 1400 - Overtime
- 6120 – Rental of Equipment & Vehicles
- 4800 – Contractual- Clothing & Other Expenses; union contract for clothing; number and types of trucks
- 2010 –Utilities \$1.2997, 043 –Street Lights, Rec Center, Parks & Fields, Animal Shelter, Senior Center
- 4100 – Materials and Supplies –Salt supplies, winter storm prediction, hardware, paint supplies, keys, rakes, fencing, paper products for custodial services
- 5100 – Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds – Fire Stations, fields, electrical repairs, plumbing, windows and glass, HVAC contract

9011 – Stormwater Phase II – State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection – ongoing storm water monitoring by a consultant twice per year with sampling, random sampling around town and annual report to the State of Connecticut DEP

9012 - Purchased Professional Services – Employee Medical Exams – this is per union contract for Class 2 license employees and random drug testing

9014 - Purchased Professional Services – Custodial Services – bids for the four different contractors to clean town buildings – Town Hall, Recreation Department, Public Works, Railroad Station, Senior Center, SCOW, Community Pool, 390 Center Street and environs clean-up

Snowplowing, overtime pay and impact of possible layoffs; clearing of sidewalks and enforcement of ordinance

5700 – Continuing Education & Training – safety training maintenance for crew leaders & managers; Road Master degree must keep up credits; a rundown of part time personnel year round and summer

Contract negotiation discussion; Local 1183 arbitration; number of years of new contract; number of employees; Public Works maintenance workers – police cars, fire vehicles and snow plowing

#### MOTION

Mr. LeTourneau made a motion to remove from Account 9111- Class A Plow Truck, \$175,000, which would be one truck.

Mr. Testa stated as a point of order that this isn't in the budget. He said that is in the mayor's plans for the CRRA funds just for clarification.

#### MOTION

Mr. Fishbein made a motion to adopt the Public Works budget as proposed by the Mayor.

SECOND Mr. Farrell seconded.

Mr. Testa inquired about dealing with the CRRA money and that now is the time to insert it into the budget; however he decided to wait. Mayor Dickinson stated that the CRRA money is subject to appropriation when we receive it and that would be a separate occasion when the money is received when there will be recommendations on expenditures. It is really outside of this budget. Mr. Fishbein added that there are no snowplows in the budget that he has moved to adopt.

There were no other comments from the Council.

#### VOTE (called out in the order of seating at the table)

Economopoulos – yes	Testa – yes	Sullivan – yes
Rascati – yes	Farrell – yes	Fishbein – yes
Cervoni –yes	LeTourneau - yes	Parisi – yes

The motion passed.

## CAPITAL & NON-RECURRING

*In attendance: James M. Bowes, Comptroller*

Discussion included the project for the restoration of Community Lake, dredging, creation of ponds, DEP's stand on a restoration; \$3 million in the account now that is authorized and dedicated by past Councils for projects but those funds are not spent;

Mr. Bowes stated that there are legalities involved with each item; that they are legally dedicated and the appropriations are for specific purposes.

North Plains Industrial Road Project Grant; sidewalk replacement/installation project; sidewalk contract; project for sidewalks importance for safety and to reduce liability 9905 – Small Drains; storm culverts and replacement program; discussion of bid awards when certain of companies do not perform and rewarded again with future contracts.; discussion on the cost effectiveness of state bids; West Dayton Hill Road dam; Senior Center Loop with Linear Trail.

## ENGINEERING

*In attendance: John Thompson, Town Engineer*

Discussion of snow removal with focus on sidewalks with regard to shoppers, Center Street, corners and parking

5000 –Maintenance of Vehicles- parts paid to Public Works for maintenance of cars and survey vans

9030- Purchased Professional Services –CBYD-purchased service for 'call-before-you-dig

9040- Purchased Professional Services-Consultant – engineering consultant for bridge safety and wetland flagging

2010 –Utilities – Traffic Signals –increase in costs of materials of 16%

5210-Maintenance of Signals- contingency; less than \$10,000 expended as of 3/31/10; can't forecast problems that occur over the course of they year and one 'knock-down' could cost \$6,000; times where insurance cannot be collected

4000-Office Expenses and Supplies

0021 – Sidewalk Snow Removal-Reimbursement \$5,000 also \$5,000 on revenue side so it's a wash; does not impact budget

### MOTION

Mr. Sullivan moved to reduce Line 5210 –Maintenance of Signals the amount of \$5,000 from \$17,000.

### SECOND

Mr. Testa seconded

### VOTE

Economopoulos – yes

Testa – yes

Sullivan – yes

Rascati – yes

Farrell – yes

Fishbein – no

Cervoni –yes

LeTourneau - yes

Parisi – yes

Eight (8) Aye; One (1) Nay

The motion passed.

**MOTION**

Mr. Farrell made a motion to adopt the Engineering Department budget as amended.

**SECOND**

Mr. Testa seconded.

Eight (8) Councilors voted Aye, and Mr. Fishbein voted Nay.

The motion passed.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

*In attendance: John Gawlak, Director of Parks and Recreation Department  
Michelle Bjorkman, Superintendent of Programs*

Discussion with regard to approximately \$50,000 in contributions and recipient decisions

9921-Purchased Services-Port-O-Lets- 3-year contract

9005-Purchased Services-Software Support

9905- Gymnasium Divider Curtain- \$7,892-replacement of curtain, straps and including shipping and installation

9017- Purchased Services-Entertainment- Twilight tunes Program, Halloween Event, S Seasons of Celebration Holiday Event, Easter Event; R-Band concerts at the Senior Center; Doolittle Park; Road Race; Turkey Hunt

Recreation Department received several accolades for their many programs

Discussion on the curtain and its wear its tearing and wearing and using it for another year.

**MOTION**

Mr. LeTourneau made a motion to reduce Line 9905 by \$5,000 from \$7,892.

**SECOND**

Mr. Fishbein seconded.

Mr. Testa asked about the replacement of the curtain asking if it isn't all or nothing. Mr. Gawlak stated that it is proposed to change out the whole curtain. Mr. Testa asked what would he do with \$2,892. Mr. Gawlak said he would change out the four straps, and it's possible that it will cost more to have someone come back to complete the job. Mr. Gawlak asked to get another quote and get back to the Council on the line item.

Mr. LeTourneau said he would withdraw his motion to get better figures on the curtain. Chairman Parisi suggested just tabling the item to get it on the record.

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Mr. Cervoni made a motion to table the item.

**SECOND**

Mr. Farrell seconded.

**VOTE**

Nine (9) Councilors voted Aye.

The motion passed.

The conversation returned to the larger contributions with regard to the Line 6750-Wallingford Symphony and the Community Performance on the Fourth of July performance; the Wallingford Chorus-two performances and the Frosty Parade usage for insurance, director and pianist with volunteer chorus; 9001 Wallingford Center for the Arts – summer theatre program for elementary and high school students.

**MOTION**

Mr. Farrell moved for adoption of the Recreation Department budget pending further action and information.

**SECOND**

Mrs. Rascati seconded.

**VOTE**

Eight (8) Councilors voted Aye, and Mr. Fishbein voted Nay.

The motion passed.

Mr. Farrell moved to adjourn. Mr. Fishbein seconded. All Councilors present (9) voted Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Town Council Secretary  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Robert F. Parisi, Town Council Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date