

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT**

*Special Town Council Meeting*

**APRIL 14, 2011**

**FY 2011 – 2012 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES**

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**ATTENDANCE:** Councilors Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Jerry Farrell, Jr., Craig C. Fishbein, John LeTourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

There was a Moment of Silence and the Pledge to the Flag was said.

Chairman Parisi announced that the Tuesday, April 19, meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M., and not 6:00 P.M. as originally posted. He read a letter with regard to summer music from Councilor Cervoni, member of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and Blueberry Pie bands of which he is the lead guitarist.

**3. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Health**

*In Attendance: Eloise Hazelwood, Director*

Items of interest to the Town Council included –transportation line - reimbursement for field staff with no access to town car; Line 5200 equipment-printer, computer, fax machine; the hydrogen car- a six-month contract that ends in May 2011 with negligible fuel cost; department savings; efficiency study; Purchased Services- re-negotiated contractual services with Mid-State resulted in savings; YSS budget not linked to Health Department budget; Healthy Wallingford.

**Building**

*In Attendance: Richard Boyne, Building Inspector*

Items of interest to the Town Council included- office staffing changes; suggestion of building permits being available online; Purchased Professional Services for demolition - Line is offset with Revenue line for the same amount; Inspections for Code compliance; fining system-is referred to the Town Attorney; decreased phone costs; reduced outside secretary line, and there is no overtime.

**Planning & Zoning**

*In Attendance: Linda Bush, Town Planner*

Items of interest to the Town Council included – Line 7990 Meetings, Seminars & dues for Council of Governments and professional dues available to any commissioner; Continuing Education line is so commissioners can attend an annual meeting of the Connecticut Federation of Planning and Zoning Agencies; changes often occur following department's meeting with the Mayor; efficiency study would be welcome.

**Inland Wetlands & Watercourses**

*In Attendance: Erin O'Hare, Environmental Planner*

Items of interest to the Town Council included Line 3200-Transportation Allowance, Line 3201 – Staff Meetings out-of-town, Line 9100 Purchased Services-Environmental, an account that is rarely used;

required statutory training and certification and related costs; personnel page with regard to contract in arbitration.

*Conservation Commission- No Questions. Withdrawn*

### **Law Department**

*In Attendance: Janis Small, Town Attorney*

Items of interest to the Town Council included comments with regard to an impressive annual report; collections in the Law Department yielded \$2.2 million last year, including the Electric Division; Town Attorney's Office handles most of this work with lien work being done in the Tax Department and in the Water-Sewer Department; difficulty finding people; Lines 9001-Labor Attorney; 9002 Workers Comp Attorney; 9003 Special Work such as title searches and appraisals; both hourly, which is tracked, and RFPs are used; not over-lawyered, two attorneys on part-time basis; always busy and Town Attorney is proud that most of the work is in-house. Secretary who is part-time handles the bankruptcies; Town Attorney does work for the Board of Education; enforcement and compliance begins at the department level.

### **Animal Control**

*In Attendance: Lisa Seyler, Animal Control Officer; Dean Rizzo, Assistant Animal Control Officer*

Items of interest to the Town Council included feral cat program; Line 4000-Office Materials, sometimes offset with donations.

Councilor Testa left the meeting at 6:53 P.M.

Line 4100-Dog Pound Operating Expenses; Line 8270-Insurance now in department budgets as a recommendation of the Risk Management Department

### **Town Council**

*In Attendance: Robert F. Parisi, Chairman*

Items of interest to the Town Council budget held the line.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT**

**MADE BY: Farrell**

**SECONDED BY: Cervoni**

**VOTE:**

**Cervoni -yes Economopoulos -yes Farrell-yes Fishbein-yes**

**LeTourneau-absent Rascati-yes Sullivan-yes**

**Testa-absent Chairman Parisi- yes**

**Seven (7) Aye; Absent (2)**

**MOTION PASSED**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Town Council Secretary  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date