

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Special Town Council Meeting

Town Council Chambers

APRIL 9, 2015

6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2015 – 2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:20 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilors Tom Laffin, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo and John Sullivan. Vincent F. Testa, Jr. arrived at the meeting at 6:40 P.M. Councilors Craig Fishbein and John Letourneau were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Cervoni explained how the evening would proceed with departments responding to questions from the public with regard to their budget. He said that the Town Council would be observing but not answering any questions.

- 3. PUBLIC HEARING:** Following a Roll Call of the Departments and public response to the Chairman with regard to questions, the Public Hearing was opened. The following individuals and departments took part in the public hearing:

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

*In attendance: Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools
Roxane McKay, Chair, Board of Education
Linda Winters, Business Manager*

Ken Welch, 21 Pleasant St. – addressing drug problems in the schools; bringing in dogs
Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle – original request cut by Mayor, next step
Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road- insurance
Resident Amy, 18 Sunrise Circle – unfunded requests

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

*In attendance: George Adair, Chairman, Public Utilities
Robert Beaumont, Chair, Public Utilities Commission*

ELECTRIC DIVISION

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Robert Beaumont, Chair, Public Utilities Commission
Rick Hendershot, General Manager, Electric Division
Tom Sullivan, Business Manager, Electric Division*

PUBLIC UTILITIES CON'T

ELECTRIC DIVISION CON'T

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road-rent revenue, page 70, line 418; LED lights; Pierce Project in black; and conservation, Line 909

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle – new street light program staying?

WATER DIVISION

*In attendance: George Adair, Chairman, Public Utilities
Robert Beaumont, Chair, Public Utilities Commission
William Phelan, Business Manager, Water-Sewer Division*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, page 73, Line 472 regarding rents

SEWER DIVISION - None

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION – None

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In attendance: Eloise Hazelwood, Health Director

Ken Welch, 21 Pleasant St., expressed how pleased he is with the town-wide health incentive and the AMA Grant

INSURANCE PROPERTY & CASUALTY

*In attendance: James Hutt-Personnel Director
Ric Livingston- Assistant Personnel Director
Kurt Treiber-Risk Manager*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, Page 29, self-insured for property?

PERSONNEL, PENSIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

*In attendance: James Hutt-Personnel Director
Ric Livingston- Assistant Personnel Director
Kurt Treiber-Risk Manager*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road – how does pension work?

POLICE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

*In attendance: William Wright, Chief of Police
Beth Dighello, Executive Secretary*

Ken Welch, 21 Pleasant St. –thanked for support with regard to drugs; what programs relate to substance abuse and youth.

Paul Chiardullo, 2 Bayberry Drive-bonding of capital projects

PROGRAM PLANNING

In attendance: Don Roe, Program Planner

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road-wanted list of grants town participates in

PUBLIC WORKS

*In attendance: Henry McCully, Director, Public Works
Steve Palermo, Supervisor
Kathy Johns, Executive Secretary*

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road – outside contracts

Paul Chiardullo, 2 Bayberry Drive-bonding of capital projects

YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

In attendance: Craig Turner, Director, Youth & Social Services

Ken Welch, 21 Pleasant St.-thanked Mr. Turner for all of his support; wants to see family therapy and substance abuse intervention programs implemented

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road-spoke

MAYOR

In attendance: Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road-Mayor's salary

FINANCE

In attendance: James Bowes, Comptroller

CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS RESERVE

Paul Chiardullo, 2 Bayberry Drive, Bonding.

CAPITAL and NON-RECURRING

Gina Morgenstein-rainy day fund

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road-how much debt; how much in interest; how much new debt.

PENSION

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road- How much is being moved to indexing.

REVENUE

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, page 9, Covanta

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR PARISI AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN.

**VOTE: 7-AYE; 2-ABSENT (FISHBEIN AND LETORUNEAU)
MOTION PASSED.**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
From notes taken by the Town Clerk
Meeting digitally recorded.

Chairman Vincent Cervoni

Date

Town Clerk, Barbara Thompson

Date