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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 13, 1991

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

PLEASE NOTE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT START OF MEETING

Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance

1. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(5) of the General Statutes to Discuss Records, Reports and Statements of Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining Pursuant to Section 1-19(b)(9) of the General Statutes
- 2a. Presentation by Community Pool Building Committee on the Recommendation of a New Pool Option
- b. SET A PUBLIC HEARING on An Ordinance Appropriating \$80,000 for a Feasibility Study and the Design of Renovations to the Outdoor Community Pool and Authorizing the Issue of \$80,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issue Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose
3. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD 7:30 P.M.
- 4a. Consider and Approve a Contract between the Town of Wallingford and Diversified Technologies to Conduct the Cost-Effectiveness Study Required by the D.E.P. for the Sludge Co-Composting Project
- b. Consider and Approve Waiving the Bid for Payment in the Amount of \$8,500 for the Town's Share of the Cost for Said Study
- c. Remove From the Table to Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$8,500 from Sludge Disposal Tipping Fees to Outside Services Employed - Water & Sewer Division
5. Consider and Approve Various Transfers Within the Water & Sewer Division Accounts to Finalize the Financial Records for F.Y. '90-91 - Water & Sewer Division
6. Consider and Approve the Establishment of a Permanent Continuing School Building Committee Which Would be Responsible for All School Construction and Renovation Projects
7. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,980.00 from Aluminum Trench Shield to Town Hall Entrance Stairs and Underground Vault - Specifications - Public Works Dept.
8. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(2) of the General Statutes to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Pending Litigation Requested by Town Attorney Janis M. Small

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A meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, August 13, 1991 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairman Albert E. Killen. All Council Members answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall with the exception of Mr. Holmes who arrived at 8:13 P.M. due to the fact that he was Chairing a Golf Committee Meeting which simultaneously scheduled. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. arrived at 8:03 P.M., Town Attorney Janis M. Small arrived at 7:47 P.M. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers arrived at 7:29 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

ITEM #2a Presentation by Community Pool Building Committee on the Recommendation of a New Pool Option

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Hear the Presentation, seconded by Mrs. Duryea.

Jon Walworth, Chairman and Steve Knight, Secretary of the Community Pool Building Committee along with a representative of TPA Design Group Consultants gave a brief overview of the Committee's findings, in addition to a technical presentation.

The purpose of the presentation was to summarize the findings which have resulted from hundreds of hours of effort in the survey analysis phase and to request bonding for the subsequent design phase. No construction funds are being requested at this time.

A copy of the prepared statement to the Town Council is attached to these minutes for reference.

The committee feels the following items should be addressed at this meeting in order for the project to become successful:

1. provide a safe and inviting aquatic environment from which the Park & Recreation Dept. may serve a significant cross-section of the community;
2. strive for the most economical way of meeting capacity demands and Dept. of Health Services criteria as governed by the Public Health Code; and
3. to evaluate alternatives which offer the best compromise between substantially improving attendance while retaining current users.

The committee recommends a facility which has been termed "The Olympic-Style Pool Alternative" which is more than four times larger than the Sheehan High School Pool, has capacity for approximately five times the highest recorded existing daily use and is twenty-five percent less expensive to build than the reconstruction pool alterna-

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tive, and over the next several years offers enough savings in total operational and initial costs to build another pool across Town if it was deemed appropriate.

Mr. Walworth thanked the members of the committee for their work to date as well as Stan Shepardson and Tom Dooley of the Park & Recreation Dept. for their input and assistance. The committee was made up of Salvatore Falconieri, Bill Choti, Steve Knight and Stan Shepardson. He felt that Wallingford was not being singled out in the requirements for skimmers, depth, etc.

Several members of the Council commended the Committee and consultants for an outstanding job on the study.

Mr. Bradley had several concerns with the existing conditions of the existing pool. He asked if Community Pool, as it now exists, is in danger of failing?

Mr. Stan Shepardson, Director of Parks & Recreation stated that there lies a potential of losing underground piping at any particular point.

Mr. Bradley spoke of the inability of the filtration tanks to withstand the pressure of operation and may rupture, causing serious injury. He asked if the risks are serious surrounding this problem and also the problem of the rusting steel anchors that secure the diving board?

Mr. Walworth felt that the pool season was almost at an end and that the risk was not a great one.

Mr. Bradley asked that the Committee incorporate the public's concerns/ideas into the design of the pool.

Mr. Gouveia had paid two visits to the pool recently to solicit resident's opinions on the matter. The majority of respondents stated that they would like the design to remain the same. He felt that the safety and health standards of the residents using the pool should be foremost in the Town's conscious. He was adamant in his belief that we need to maintain this type of facility in the Town of Wallingford.

The TPA representative stated that the only problem with the structure is that, where the walls are, it is not deep enough to dive. The walls are not in danger of falling down.

Mr. Walworth explained that every possible interpretation was attempted to retain the zero depth in the pool, all to no avail. The Committee went as far as claiming the 80' wide area as a handicap ramp.

Mr. Gouveia had spoken with Mary Mushinsky approximately one hour ago at which time she stated that the State is not at all adverse to accepting the idea of the wading pool together with the regular pool area. That seems to be the main concern with the residents.

Frank Kaminsky, Supervising Environmental Sanitarian stated in correspondence dated August 8, 1991, "Even with the addition of gutters or skimmers while retaining a zero depth, it still would not qualify because there still remains very many deviations from design criteria." Mr. Walworth explained that the Committee requested at least five times that the State allow the retention of the wading area design and the answer was an unequivocal "no". The present facility, while the existing concrete walls are sound, does not meet the water circulation requirements even rolling. The wading area has to be separate from the main pool. Currently, the wading area water circulation through filtration system is 1/10 of what is required. It is 1/3 in the main swimming area. Eighty-five percent of your bacteria exists in the surface of the water. There is now no surface treatment in the pool. A number of different measures were approached to try and integrate the wading pool with the existing pool.

Mr. Knight pointed out that this structure is antiquated, one that the State feels that if we don't bring it up to standards, we are jeopardizing the people who use the pool.

Mr. Gouveia is under the impression that the existing structure can be brought up to the State's standards while, at the same time, maintaining the uniqueness of the pool design. Mary Mushinsky, State Representative, spoke with Mr. Gouveia an hour earlier, informing him that the State will allow a wading pool design.

Ann Altieri, 15 Apple Street asked why she has never received a survey form to fill out? The forms were sent home with school children of which she has none. She is a taxpayer and homeowner and feels she was neglected in the survey process. She suggested digging out the bottom of the pool to increase the depth to meet diving requirements. It is a good pool and it should be repaired exactly how it is.

Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road does not approve of the new design. The existing pool should be repaired.

Diane Hotchkiss, 38 Clifton Street asked, "do we have to have four sides to the pool, in other words, no wading area?". She has attended the Community Pool Building Committee Meetings at which she heard stated that four walls were required for the new design because of the other amenities being added to the pool. She asked if the Committee considered forgoing the design of the water flume to keep the wading area? At one of the meetings it was determined by the Committee that the survey was null and void since not all the surveys made it home with the children and a possibility existed that the surveys were completed by the children themselves. A good many were obviously completed by the children since the handwriting was extremely elementary in its form. She tried relentlessly today to gather a show of support for this meeting. Many people did not bother attending due to the fact that they were under the impression that the decision was made and the public's opinion did not matter. Due to the way that the press has been covering the Community Pool Building Committee Meetings, most of the public is under the false

belief that the issue is a dead one. That the decision has been made and their opinion's don't count. She did not feel that all avenues have been addressed on keeping the current design of the pool. She feels that the separation of wading pool and swimming pool will contribute to the breakdown of the family structure.

Mr. Killen informed all present that a Public Hearing will be scheduled on this issue for the next meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance to inform their friends and neighbors of the hearing so they may attend to voice their concerns/suggestions.

Mr. Walworth clarified that the Committee did not declare the survey null and void.

Peter Hale, 1238 Scard Road pointed out that almost every ordinance and statute in the State has a grandfather clause in it. This pool was built thirty years ago and qualifies under this clause. The Town is not avoiding responsibility, but rather improve what they have. The existing pool was constructed for a population of 17,000. The new design proposed is smaller. The current population is approximately 36,000. He could not understand the downsizing of the new design. He suggested that the land located behind the pool area be utilized for additional parking, picnic area or ball fields. It is a wetlands area and could be purchased for a reasonable sum of money.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the funding allowed for the reimbursement of the cost of the feasibility study?

Mayor Dickinson responded, yes. The real purpose of the ordinance is to appropriate an additional \$62,000 for the design.

Mr. Killen read a letter to the editor of the Meriden Record Journal into the record.

"As a life long resident of Meriden, ex-lifeguard, swim team member and current member of Masters Swimming, I have one question for our Parks & Recreation Department, who cleans Platt's Pool? This pool is disgusting. The water is never at the proper pH or Cl level. The locker rooms are dirty, moldy and roach-ridden. Who is responsible for this? The Board of Education or the Parks Department? The fact is, whoever is responsible knows very little about pool care. The pool's deck is not cleaned nearly enough. I have seen the same clumps of hair on the deck for weeks at a time. The water level is usually below the gutters which means 70-80% of the pool's filtering ability is lost. The inconsistent pH level has already lead to the deterioration of the grout which holds the pool tiles together. This means missing tiles have already caused injury to people's feet. Caring for a pool is much cheaper than building a new one. With the City's current budget crises, funding for pool care is a must as long as swimming is to remain part of our culture. The money for new pools is not available so why not at least take care of the last one that we have before it deteriorates beyond repair".

Mr. Killen went on to say that the State is always passing laws but

does not go on to enforce them.

Mr. Walworth explained that it is the responsibility of the local sanitarian to monitor the function of the pool. The Committee did not propose a new pool design, that would be in excess of \$3 million. A total renovation with a wall and gutter system, the numbers would be astronomical in Mr. Walworth's opinion. Currently, 1.3 million gallons of water are being dumped into the storm drain system each year with the existing pool. That would not be the case with the proposed system. It would be recirculated.

This issue will be coming before the Council again at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Zandri asked if the Council will, at any time, vote on which design will be funded?

Mr. Killen felt that it should be voted on on the evening of the Public Hearing, it would seem to be more logical.

No action was taken.

ITEM #2b SET A PUBLIC HEARING on An Ordinance Appropriating \$80,000 for a Feasibility Study and the Design of Renovations to the Outdoor Community Pool and Authorizing the Issue of \$80,000 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issue Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to SET A PUBLIC HEARING for August 27, 1991 at 7:45 P.M. for the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #1 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(5) of the General Statutes to Discus Records, Reports and Statements of Strategy and Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining Pursuant to Section 1-19(b)(9) of the General Statutes

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Enter Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

VOTE: All ayes. Motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Mr. Bradley asked the Mayor what the status is on the Environmental Planner Position?

Mayor Dickinson responded that the job is being posted again. The Wetlands Commission will make the decision as to retest or not .

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ITEM #4a Consider and Approve a Contract between the Town of Wallingford and Diversified Technologies to Conduct the Cost-Effectiveness Study Required by the D.E.P. for the Sludge Co-Composting Project

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

Mr. Zandri felt that a partnership arrangement could still be negotiated among the four municipalities, fund the study and if the study proves this project to be feasible then everyone will share equal partnership in it.

Mayor Dickinson responded, there is no relationship with the project other than the study. This is the sole extent between the communities on this project. The primary issue is if the project does not qualify for State funds it has no chance of being cost-effective in any manner.

Many members of the Council were concerned with C.R.R.A.'s involvement in the project. They were involved initially with assisting the City of Meriden in putting together a proposal and review of it to come up with a contractor for construction of a facility. At this point there is no formal role for C.R.R.A. and they are not participating in the study.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, asked if the Town has considered mixing the sludge residue with trash, similar to what New Haven does, so that it can be driven over with heavy equipment?

Roger Dann explained that it was the hope that there would be enough material at the landfill to mix with the residue so make it a workable product. That did not occur.

Phil Wright, 160 Cedar Street asked if the sludge residue could be pumped into a corner of the landfill, why drive on it?

Mayor Dickinson stated that the sludge cannot be left "as is". It has to be disposed of in some way. It can be mixed with other materials for cover...you cannot create a lagoon and have it sit there.

Roger Dann detailed the process that the sludge is passed through to remove as much of the water in the by-product as is possible. The drier the product the cheaper it is to transport. It is the consistency that presented a problem to the landfill operator.

Mr. Wright went on to say that co-composting is an issue that has been studied to death. He hoped that we were not lining some consultant's pocket and under the impression that we are getting something for nothing because we give the State the o.k. to spend more of our money. He asked if American Cyanamid is shipping their sludge out or are they incinerating it?

Mr. Dann responded that the study itself is not to review the technology involved, it is to look at the cost-effectiveness of

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Approve the Following Transfers within the Sewer Division:

Acct. #645-000 Sludge Disposal Tipping Fees From \$400.00

Acct. #920-000 Administrative & General Salaries To \$400.00

Acct. #645-000 Sludge Disposal Tipping Fees From \$2,800.00

Acct. #923-002 Proportionate Charges To \$2,800.00

Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,980.00 from Aluminum Trench Shield Acct. #001-5030-999-9949 to Town Hall Entrance Stairs and Underground Vault - Specifications Acct. #001-5200-999-9907 - Public Works

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

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

WAIVE RULE V Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Waive Rule V of the Town Council Meeting Procedures to Authorize the Waiving of the Bidding Process for the Moving and Renovation of a Structure at 88 S. Main Street, seconded by Ms. Papale.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Authorize the Waiving of the Bidding Process for the Moving and Renovation of a Structure at 88 South Main Street, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley read correspondence into the record from Mr. Lazarus to Mr. Deak.

Mr. Bradley thought it peculiar that two proposals received from Lazarus and Sargeant in such a short time frame came in at exactly the same price on two different projects. A price of \$1,980 was quoted for the 88 S. Main Street project and also the Town Clerk's Vault Repairs.

Mr. Steven Deak, Director of Public Works explained that it was a coincidence. The total of the two bills to draw up the specifications to move the building and to restoration it will be in excess of \$3,000. This is the reason behind the request to waive the bidding process.

Mr. Bradley amended the motion to Authorize the Waiving of the Bidding Process for the Architectural Services for the Moving of a Structure at 88 S. Main Street, seconded by

Mayor Dickinson questioned Mr. Deak on the necessity to have language included in the proposals from Lazarus & Sargeant that includes "the overseeing of work afterwards" as the final step in the process.

Mr. Deak responded that it is implied that it is included.

Mayor Dickinson was not comfortable with the fact that a statement to that effect was not in the correspondence from Lazarus & Sargeant.

Mr. Deak will have the correspondence modified. It was his understanding that this will not cost additional funds.

Mayor Dickinson believed otherwise.

Mr. Zandri suggested including that stipulation in the action taken this evening on this item.

Mr. Bradley amended the motion and restated it as a Waiver of Rule V to Authorize the Waiver of the Bidding Process for the Architectural Structural Engineering Services Necessary for the Moving of a House at 88 S. Main Street and to Award the Bid to Lazarus & Sargeant, Contingent Upon Lazarus & Sargeant Overseeing of All Work seconded by Ms. Papale.

Robert Avery, 42 North Elm Street, Chairman of the 88 S. Main Street Building Committee stated that his committee was not informed of this item at all nor included in the process. His committee has spent several hours on this project and recently appeared before the Council for approval to draw up the specifications on the work. He asked where this item came from, who initiated it?

Mr. Deak admitted that he solicited prices from Lazarus & Sargeant and was under the impression that the Council gave him permission to do so.

Mr. Killen informed Mr. Deak that, as a courtesy if nothing else, the 88 S. Main Street Building Committee should have been informed/involved in the process.

Mr. Avery drafted specifications for the work and was going to present it to the Purchasing Dept. for solicitation of Architects.

Mr. Parisi felt that the Council should see the specifications before they go out to the public.

Mayor Dickinson explained that Public Works and the Town Attorney should view them, but not necessarily the Council.

Mr. Parisi felt the Council should also.

The motion and second were withdrawn.

The 88 S. Main Street Building Committee will present its specifications to the Council at its next meeting.

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Waiver Rule V of the Town Council Meeting Procedures to Discuss the Recycling Proposal, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; Duryea, no; all others, aye. Motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Hear a Presentation on the Recycling Proposal submitted by Primary Recycling Technology, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

The interim proposal was for a period of six months. The hours of operation would remain the same with the exception of Thursdays which would be extended to 5:00 P.M. The same materials would continue to be accepted at the site with the exception of corrugated and newspapers which would no longer be accepted from small businesses. Primary's profit would come from the sale of materials. The estimated costs for the six month program would be approximately \$93,300.

Ms. Papale asked if any/all proposals or attempts to do business with Admet were no longer to be considered? (Ms. Papale was absent from the last meeting due to previous commitments)

Mr. Don Roe, Program Planner responded: My understanding is that there is no longer any agreement between the Town and Admet for program operation, that is a rendering from our Town Attorney.

Ms. Papale requested an explanation of the issue to date from Mr. Roe.

Mr. Roe explained: Due to several factors it became obvious that the contract, arrangement under which Admet was working was not working out well. In discussions with them, it led to an identification of the fact that the market has deteriorated, that the delay in the commercial permit had resulted in a negative economic impact to them. We spent time, approximately 1 1/2 months, trying to consider what could be done and what has evolved is an amended restated agreement that came before the Council at the last meeting.

Ms. Papale: What that an amendment to the original contract?

Mr. Roe: It was, in essence, an amendment to the contract that would have provided for them to operate both the commercial and residential drop-off site but had other amendments that included what was viewed as being significant more money to Admet in order to operate that, there was an increase in cost to the Town, the

charge, for an example, for newspaper went from \$15/ton to \$30/ton.

Ms. Papale corrected Mr. Roe that the newspaper went from \$20/ton to \$30/ton.

Mr. Roe stood corrected.

Mr. Roe: Corrugated went from \$0.00 to \$30/ton. Built into that agreement was a weekly payment, over a certain amount of time, to Admet in the amount of \$1,000. During that period of time they were required within two weeks time, in order for us to get off dead center with the permitting process, they were required to put in place the necessary equipment so that the needed D.E.P. inspection could be arranged. Some other minor changes were also included. The amended and restated agreement was voted down.

Ms. Papale asked where the recyclables are going to be taken if the center is closed? If the Council accepts this proposal, how long before the center is operating again?

Mr. Roe answered that while Primary Recycling's interim agreement is in effect, should the Council approve it, operation of the residential and commercial components of the recycling facility will be placed out to bid. Some of the haulers have discontinued picking up recyclables for the commercial community because they have no place to take co-mingled material unless they want to incur additional expenses.

After much discussion on the issue the Council felt that they should table this issue and continue the meeting tomorrow evening.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Table This Item Until Wednesday, August 14, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. at which time this meeting will be continued, seconded by Ms. Papale.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Adjourn the Meeting Until Wednesday, August 14, 1991 at 7:00 P.M., seconded by Mr. Parisi.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 A.M.

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