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- 5a. Consider and Approve Re-Naming the Advisory Maintenance Committee
- b. Consider and Approve Re-Naming the Committee to Study the Feasibility of a Municipally-Owned Cable Television Company
6. Consider and Approve Appointments/Re-Appointments to the Following Boards and Commissions:
 - Board of Assessment Appeals (formerly Bd. of Tax Review)
 - 1 Appointment to Expire 1/8/99
 - Planning & Zoning Commission (Regular Member)
 - 1 Appointment to Expire 1/8/2001
 - 1 Appointment to Vacant Position to Expire 1/8/2000
 - Planning & Zoning Commission (Alternate Member)
 - 1 Appointment to Expire 1/8/99
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 - 1 Appointment to Expire 1/8/2001
 - Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate Member)
 - 1 Appointment to Expire 1/8/2001
7. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$24,060 from Health Insurance Acct. #001-8035-800-8300 to Retirement Sick Leave Acct. #001-8035-101-1750 - Personnel
8. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$53,000 from Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Acct. #001-8035-800-8310 to Fire Hypertension Acct. #001-8035-800-8410 - Risk Manager
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Condemnation by Eminent Domain of Sanitary Sewer Easement Over Properties of Kurt H. Mather and Lynn K. Mather - 1193 Durham Road and Jeffrey and Ellen W. Smith, 1199 Durham Road - Asst. Town Attorney
- 10a. Consider and Approve Accepting a Gift of \$29,030 (approximate amount) by the Wallingford Youth Soccer League to the Town of Wallingford - Parks & Recreation Department
- b. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$29,030 to Capital and Non-Recurring Revenue Account and to Contribution to Pragemann Park Lighting Acct. #002-9495-400-4810 - Parks & Recreation Department

11. Progress Report on the New Recreation Facility at 6 Fairfield Boulevard as Requested by Councilor David J. Doherty (20 minute time limit for discussion)
12. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$8,500 from Regular Wages & Salaries Acct. #001-1401-101-1000 to Professional Services Acct. #001-1401-901-9007 - Comptroller
13. Report Out on the Status of 132 Prince Street and the American Legion Property as Requested by Councilor G. Tom Zappala (20 minute time limit for discussion)
14. Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid and Approval of a Two Year Contract With Adkin Printers for Microfilming Services and Cott Systems for Computerized Indexing Services - Town Clerk
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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, January 23, 1996 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:30 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.; Assistant Town Attorney Jerry Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

A blessing was given to the Council by Father Trenchard of the Church of the Resurrection.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

A moment of Silence was observed for Dennis McCormick, former Town Councilor having served two terms from 1968-1972 and Rocky Parisi who for several years occupied the position of Chairman of the Wallingford Housing Authority.

Mr. Parisi informed everyone that Items #9 and #15 of the agenda have been withdrawn.

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve Adopting the Town Council Meeting Procedures Revised January 11, 1994

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Strike Section III of the Current Meeting Procedures and to Substitute the Following Language in its Place:

"The Council will convene at 6:30 P.M. on the dates of its regular scheduled meetings; the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag will be given at the start of each meeting. The Consent Agenda will be presented, deleting any items with questions and the remaining items voted upon with a single vote. The Public Question and Answer Period will occur after acceptance of the consent agenda and will be limited to policy and operation of town government. Public input on individual agenda items will also be received during the discussion of the specific item, after the members of the Council have had an opportunity to review and discuss the item."

Seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Mr. Rys explained that the change made to this section basically involves the Public Question and Answer Period which will occur immediately after the consent agenda instead of 7:30 P.M., its usually scheduled time.

Ms. Papale asked that the Public Question and Answer Period be highlighted on the agendas mailed to the public alerting them of

the change.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street stated, the merit and anniversary raises usually appear on the consent agenda and for many a meeting he has always requested that the Council state who is getting the raise and how much. Half the time it is never mentioned. The public is very interested in the raises that the employees of Wallingford get, who is getting it and if it is a merit raise, for what reason are they getting it. If it is going to be on the consent agenda please mention it so the public does not have to get up and ask for the information. The Council is going to decide what is going to be on the consent agenda but when it comes time for the meeting, can anyone from the public ask that an item be removed from the consent agenda for discussion?

Mr. Parisi responded, no, the public will not be able to request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. They will be able to contact the department head involved in the issue and question them if they so choose. If the public does not receive the information they are seeking, the Council will try and obtain further information for them.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, When the Mayor gave his address to the public at the swearing-in ceremony his last statement was, "we are all flying together". He also said that he would want more participation. He will have to explain what he meant by that. A few of us come to the meetings all the time to participate. It almost seems that you are trying to stop this participation.

Mr. Parisi responded, not at all, as a matter of fact you know your way to the Council Office. If there is any question that you have on the agenda and there is any specific information you want, you know that you can get it. We do not keep the information from you. I don't see any reason why we would not be able to continue the way we have.

Mr. Wasilewski wanted the Mayor to explain what he meant by participation.

Mr. Parisi asked the Mayor to explain his statement.

Mayor Dickinson responded, he did not make any specific reference to a particular occasion or any one way of participating. We are discussing a procedural issue...whether something is discussed at this meeting or not does not prevent anyone from participating in the sense of asking questions of department heads and obtaining information and, if not satisfied, asking at a subsequent meeting at a Public Question and Answer Period further questions. It does not discourage participation in government. It may limit it to some extent what happens at a given meeting but that is a procedural issue.

Vincent Celeste stated, to reveal a merit increase that is given to a particular employee, by name, and the amount of it is in violation of CT. State Personnel Employees Privacy Act. The only way you can reveal financial information from an employee's record is if the employee authorizes it in writing or by order of the court or police order investigation, etc., etc. It would put this Council in jeopardy....in a very bad situation to reveal that information.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked the Council to fill him in on the item they are discussing.

Mr. Parisi pointed out that Mr. Melillo arrived after the discussion was held and he will be glad to review this particular item with Mr. Melillo later. There are additional revisions that need to be made to the procedures and the Council would like to move along on them.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Add Section IV to the Meeting Procedures which will be Comprised of the Following Language:

"Individuals wishing to speak either during the Public Question and Answer Period or on individual agenda items will be required to address their questions or comments to the Council Chairperson and limit his/her speaking time to three (3) minutes."

Seconded by Ms. Papale.

Dave Canto, 4 Meadows Edge Drive did not object to limiting questions during the Public Question and Answer Period because that is supposed to be limited to a specific amount of time to begin with but he strenuously objects to any time limit placed on him during a major agenda item or during a public hearing. There are many times during the year, the budget is a good example, where you cannot limit your comments to three minutes. There are other important issues that cannot be discussed, in total, in a twenty minute block of time. It is the responsibility of the Chairman to control the order of the meeting and if the individual abuses his or her right to speak then the Chairman should take action in that abuse. Outside of that, he is totally against any type of "gag" order or limit on public participation at the meeting.

Mr. Parisi stated, to clarify that, it is not a "gag" order, it is to set a guideline. There will be issues throughout the year, I agree with you, where there will certainly be more to be said than can be said in three minutes. We will reserve the right to make allowances for those situations. There are times, however, when we ramble on and those are the things that we are just trying to send a message to the public to have your questions prepared, direct them to the Chair and let's deal with issues in a business-

like manner. No one is trying to "gag" anyone and I don't believe that anyone will be "gagged". We have to try to adhere to the rule ourselves. It is not just for the public. It is worth a try.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that it was a violation of the first amendment of the Constitution and a slap in the face to the public.

Mr. Parisi disagreed. The Council is only asking the public to speak to the item and ask their questions. We are just trying to move business along.

Mr. Melillo stated, the Council should consider holding a third meeting each month.

Mr. Parisi responded, the Council will consider holding a special meeting for items that appear as though they will take a long time to deal with.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive opposes the three minute limit. This is America, let the people speak. The Councilors are polished speakers, the public is nervous and are speaking as townspeople, not politicians. They are speaking from their heart and head, they are not trained speakers. Give them a break, do not put a time limit on them. You opened up this meeting by having a clergyman come up here and ask for divine guidance, you can get a lot of guidance from your townspeople if you listen, just listen.

Edward Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail stated that he is against the three minute rule. He did not like the comment that appeared in the paper which read that no statements would be allowed at the meeting. No statements equates to no input. It is a give and take between the people. Does the three minute rule also pertains to each Councilor?

Mr. Parisi responded, yes.

Mr. Bradley stated, if every Councilor spoke for three minutes on each item that appeared on a fifteen item agenda, the meeting would run for seven hours without public comment. He left the Council with the following thought, "A government that fears the voice of its people should be feared itself." (applause)

Mr. Parisi stated, there is no fear and there is no reason to attempt to ignore anyone. All we are trying to do is to keep things on an even track and move forward. As many comments as we have heard against this rule, we have heard a lot of comments from people that they would like business to move along, also. We are going to try something new and if we don't ever try anything different we will not know what we are capable of doing. We should not get too upset without seeing first where we end up with this.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street stated, we (the public) are not a very sophisticated group out here but if you tell us that you are going to limit things to questions only and no statements he suspects that the public will become pretty sophisticated and figure out a way to make their statements through questions. He's willing to see how it works out.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street stated, he is always right to the point in asking his questions yet, half the time he never gets an answer. In the future, when he asks questions of the Chairman he would like the Chairman to give him an answer. He is against the three minute limit. He refreshed the Council's memory of an incident that occurred a few years ago when a member of the public was suppressed from talking and he sued the Town and he won. The Council is walking on thin ice by doing this. He recommended that the Council first determine how many people are against this tonight before voting on it.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Add the Following Language to the end of the Last Paragraph of Section XI, "This rule may be waived by the Chairman in the case of items taken up on the consent agenda."

Seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Rys stated, the language coincides with the language, "No item will be acted upon unless the department head or his or her authorized representative is present at the Council meetings."

Philip Wright, Sr., asked, does that mean that each department head will be present for their item?

Mr. Parisi responded, yes, or their designated representative will be, or at the discretion of the Chairman the item will be considered by the Council if they cannot, for what ever reason, be present but the item is of such importance that it must be taken up.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Add the Following Language to Follow the Second Paragraph Entitled, "Procedure" of Section XV:

"The Chairman has the authority to limit discussion time for agenda items."

Seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Consent Agenda

ITEM #3a Consider and Approve Re-Naming the Following Advisory Committees:

- Committee on Aging's Adhoc Committee to Study the Expansion of the Senior Citizen Facility and Parking
- Community Lake Study Committee
- Municipal Golf Course Study Committee
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ITEM #3i Note for the Record Mayoral Transfers Approved to Date

ITEM #3j Note for the Record Anniversary Increases Approved by the Mayor

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Approve Items #3a-3j on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street asked that his name be taken off of the agenda list. He stated that he has been receiving the agenda for many years and feels that it is ridiculous to have to submit a written statement requesting the service to be continued.

(NOTE: In an effort to update our agenda mailing list of approximately one hundred seventy people and to insure that the service is cost-effective, a note was included in the last mailing to the public requesting that they submit their request to remain on the mailing list, in writing, to the Council office.)

Mr. Wasilewski continued, he will save the Town \$7.64 and that money can be put toward the Mayor's surplus, making it a little larger.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville read from an article which appeared in a local newspaper regarding the de-regulation of the electric utility industry.

Mr. Parisi asked that the article be left with the Town Council secretary for copies to be made and passed along to the Councilors. Once reviewed, if Mr. Melillo wishes to ask for comments and/or questions on the information at an upcoming Public Question and Answer Period, the Council will be prepared to address Mr. Melillo's questions.

Edward Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail asked the Mayor, through the Chairman, with the \$3+ million increase in the Board of Education's budget, as stated in the Record Journal, along with the school building projects yet to come, do you feel that the townspeople can absorb this much of an increase?

Mayor Dickinson responded through the Chair, it is cause for concern. He has not yet reviewed the Board's proposed budget yet, but it will represent approximately a 1.5 mill increase to deal with it if it were all required new revenue. It (the budget) would have to be reviewed as it always is and we would have to approve some lower figure. If you deal with raw percentages and the cost of living is at 2.7% or there about and we are dealing with a 7% increase in budgets, obviously something is not in line with what normal costs are. It will have to be looked at very carefully. I would guess that it would not be approved with a 7% increase.

Mr. Bradley asked, is there any idea on what the impact of the building project and what ever ancillary costs are associated with it will have?

Mayor Dickinson responded, we did one analysis that indicated that...our recollection is that it was a 6-7/10ths of a mill tax impact on the capital portion of the school project.

Mr. Bradley asked, does this include the operation side of the budget?

Mayor Dickinson responded, he stands corrected, it was both the capital portion and what is expected to be the operational portion for the new project which comes out to be a 6-7/10ths mill impact.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive asked, do I understand it that any time we come here we have to ask a question and not make a statement? Is this like Alex Trebeck where you have to coin your statement in the form of an answer or an answer in the form of a question?

Mr. Parisi responded, we would like to try dealing with questions.

Mr. R. Knight responded, that is a good way of cutting out feedback. Feedback is terribly important. I don't know if you have ever had to send anything out to a workshop and have feedback come back, "how does it work?". Well, most of your feedback comes back in the form of comment, not just questions. That is my first question, anyway. My second question was this, I don't know any of the two ladies involved but, why, if a lady has done the job and one of your own party said she did an excellent job for eight years, you took her out of the job and gave it to someone else. The way I look at it is that, if you say excellent then she excelled at the job. She brought it up to date, she brought in computerization and what not. It is not broken, why the heck fix it? Why did you not leave her in the job? Who are you serving, the people? Are you serving the people of Wallingford? Certainly in good business no private company would fire an excellent employee to bring in...unless it was the boss' daughter.

Mr. Parisi responded, we are very fortunate that we had several people that were in the category of excellent. So, in making the change we went from an excellent to an excellent so the decision is very clear. You can, with all due respect, you can find accolades for both of the people involved...very, very, very high and very strong recommendations.

Mr. R. Knight responded, I would certainly say so but what we have here are two excellent ladies with two jobs. Now we have one excellent lady with a job and another one out of work. That does not sound very good to me and it does not sound as though it is serving the public. That was my question and quite honestly, I don't agree with your answer.

Mr. Parisi stated, we can agree that we disagree.

Mr. R. Knight asked, can I make a statement? I don't know if I can make it in the form of a question.

Mr. Parisi responded, go ahead.

Mr. R. Knight stated, I think you voted on party and not on the good of the people. I would like you to, if you would, address Mr. Farrell. About ten days before the election I wrote a letter to the newspaper...I don't know if you read it or not, I don't know if the people on this Council read the things (letters to the editor) in the paper from the public or whether they care, I don't

know but I suggested that there might be a conflict of interest. After he (Mr. Farrell) gets in (office) he decides there is a question, do I have a conflict of interest? And then again, we read in the papers today that Mr. Rowland has put him on another committee and he is complaining.....

Mr. Parisi asked, what is your question?

Mr. R. Knight responded, I am getting to it, sir.

Mr. Parisi asked, would you please?

Mr. R. Knight stated, don't start cutting me off now, sir.

Mr. Parisi stated, I am not cutting you off. We are not up here to judge Mr. Farrell, either.

Mr. R. Knight stated, no, we are not. Mr. Rowland has appointed him to another committee and he says that he is all booked up. Does he think he can really serve this town if he is all tied up in this and that and something else?

Mr. Parisi responded, I would think that it would be up to the people to judge in the next two years.

Mr. R. Knight stated, I am asking you (Chair) to ask him that. I would like to hear it from him.

Mr. Parisi stated, it is not customary that the Councilors respond, the Chair responds. I think that what we will do is everyone should judge his performance in the next two years and if they don't feel that he is able to serve, they should act accordingly.

Mr. R. Knight responded, o.k. My third, which will not be popular with many people at all is the business of bringing in a clergyman. Now you are talking about time and then you have a clergyman come in with a blessing. I would suggest that each and everyone of you, before you come to this Town meeting, either go to your church or synagogue or what ever devotion you go to and ask for a little divine guidance there. Keep it out of the.....I mean we can't have a menorah on the green, we can't do this and we can't do that, alright let's keep religion out of politics....or sit around your table at home with your family and ask for divine guidance. Thank you very much.

Mr. Parisi responded, we thank you for your input.

Philip A. Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked, listening to the Mayor's statement regarding the cost of living.....a thought came to mind that I have not heard anything much lately about labor relations and contracts and the like. To your knowledge, Chairman, are we in the midst of a bunch of contracts right now or are there

any that are open right now? Are we voting on anything soon? Are we going to be hearing something about labor relations?

Mr. Parisi stated, there will be contracts coming, I am not going to tell you what they are specifically because I don't know. I think there is a meeting coming up.

Mayor Dickinson stated, Terrence Sullivan, Personnel Director is here and he can provide specifics regarding what contracts will soon go into negotiation. As you know we are hoping to have an executive session at the next Council meeting for him to talk with the Council about those.

Terrence Sullivan stated, right now we are in the process of opening up the contracts with the Police and Fire Departments because they are due to expire June 30th. Later in the Fall of this year we will be negotiating with the management union. The electrical production labor contract has finished its binding arbitration and an award has been made but we have not yet seen it and as soon as the Town Clerk gets it we will get a copy to the Mayor. That is what is going on right now.

ITEM #5a Consider and Approve Re-Naming the Advisory Maintenance Committee

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Parisi stated that the Advisory Maintenance Committee will be absorbed into the Council's Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Papale asked for the names of the members who served on the committee.

They are as follows: Mario Tolla, Chairman; William Ulbrich, Co-Chairman; Robert Prentice; James Barker; Joseph DiNatale; Robert Fritz and Gary Powell.

Mr. Doherty asked Mr. Tolla, who was present in the audience, to come forward and explain the committee's function to him.

The charge given to the committee was to periodically visit and inspect all Town-owned property and to report to the Town Council on condition of said property any potential problems and/or concerns and advise how said problems or concerns should be addressed. They shall also investigate and suggest improvements to existing procedures used by Town departments to inspect and maintain Town-owned facilities.

Mr. Tolla stated that the Council would be doing him a favor by absorbing the committee for in speaking to the members of the Advisory Maintenance Committee he found that only three out of the seven were interested in remaining active with it the reason being that those who volunteered to serve on the committee were unable to participate. Unfortunately, you cannot inspect Town property when department heads are unavailable and the task cannot be performed on weekends nor after hours. Consequently, the committee could not perform its task.

Mr. Parisi asked for the names of the individuals who were still interested in participating.

Mr. Tolla responded, Bob Prentice; Bob Fritz; Jim Barker and himself.

Mr. Doherty asked if the three members will be absorbed into and will serve with the Public Safety Committee?

Mr. Parisi responded, yes.

Mr. Zappala stated, since he was the person responsible for instituting the committee he wished to thank all the individuals who participated. The reason he pushed for this committee was because he felt it would be beneficial to the Town. It was too bad that those who wished to serve were unable to put the time into it. He did have a list of names of individuals who he felt would have done a good job on the committee for the upcoming year. He will submit the names to Mr. Parisi for consideration. He maintained his position that he feels the committee is very important for they produced some good work and perhaps in the long run the committee would have saved the Town some money. He would like to see those people who expressed interest in serving active if at all possible.

VOTE: Doherty, Papale and Zappala, aye; all others, no; motion failed to re-name the committee.

ITEM #5b Consider and Approve Re-naming the Committee to Study the Feasibility of a Municipally-owned Cable Television Company

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Ms. Papale.

The members of the committee are as follows: James Fitzsimmons, Chairman; Robert Parisi; Steven Holmes; Christian Pajor; Brian McDermott; Gail Powell; Robert Thompson; Timothy Wall; Robert Avery; Steve Hacku and Jerry Labriola, Jr.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, why re-name the committee?

Mr. Parisi stated, it is being disbanded.

VOTE: Papale and Renda, aye; all others, no; motion failed to re-name the committee.

ITEM #6 Consider and Approve Appointments/Re-Appointments to the Following Boards and Commissions:

Board of Assessment Appeals (formerly Board of Tax Review) - 1 Appointment to Expire 1/8/99

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Nominate Jerald Labriola, Jr. to the position, seconded by Mr. Renda.

Mr. Knight stated that Mr. Labriola has served on the Board for the past term and is seeking re-appointment. He has done a fair job and brings a lot of expertise to it as a practicing attorney.

Mr. Centner made a motion to Close Nominations, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried to close nominations.

VOTE ON RE-APPOINTMENT: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission - 1 Appointment to Expire 1/8/2001

Mr. Rys made a motion to Nominate Mr. James Seichter for the position, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Motion was made by Mr. Centner to Close Nominations, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried to close nominations.

VOTE ON APPOINTMENT: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission - 1 Appointment to Vacancy to Expire 1/8/2000

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Nominate Armend Menard to the Position, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Rys stated that Mr. Menard presently serves on the commission performing a fine job.

Mr. Parisi seconded the nomination.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Nominate William Austin to the Position, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Farrell stated that Mr. Austin has served the Town in a number of capacities already. As Chairman of the Conservation Commission he led the way in preserving and protecting many of our open spaces and wildlife habitats. During the early 1990s when the Planning and Zoning Commission adopted a new plan of development, Bill took a leading role with the advisory committee and the reports and the recommendations that it made to Planning & Zoning. On the professional side, Bill has a great deal of background in landscape architecture. Bill, himself, has done much work with a variety of people to prove the Tyler Mill area one of the most important natural areas of our Town. In terms of experience Bill would bring a wealth of knowledge and perspective to our Planning Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Centner to Close Nominations, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street asked for a clarification of procedure, is the Chairman allowed to second a nomination?

Mr. Parisi believed it was allowed.

Ms. Papale seconded the nomination of Mr. Menard until the procedures can be researched.

VOTE ON CLOSING NOMINATIONS: All ayes; motion duly carried.

VOTE ON APPOINTMENT:

Papale, Rys, Zappala and Parisi - Menard
Centner, Doherty, Farrell, Knight and Renda - Austin

Motion passed to appoint William Austin to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Planning & Zoning Commission - 1 Appointment to Vacant Alternate Member Position to Expire 1/8/97

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Nominate John Whitney to the Position, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Motion was made by Mr. Centner to Close Nominations, seconded by Mr. Renda.

VOTE: All ayes; motion passed to close nominations.

VOTE ON APPOINTMENT: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Appointment to Expire 1/8/2001

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Re-appoint Vincent Celeste to the Position, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

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VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Appointment to Alternate Member
Position to Expire 1/8/2001

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Appoint Brian Leslie to the Position,
seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: Farrell abstained; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

WAIVER OF RULE V

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Waive Rule V of the Town Council
Meeting Procedures to Make Appointments to the Zoning Board of
Appeals Alternate Member and Constables, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE TO WAIVE RULE V: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Papale to Nominate George Lane to the
Position of Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals to Fill the
Remainder of a Five Year Term Which Expires 1/8/2000, seconded by
Mr. Farrell.

(NOTE: Mr. Lane is being nominated to fill a position currently
occupied by A. Jeffrey Somers which Expired 1/8/95. Mr. Somers
continued to serve in said position until re-appointed or a
replacement had been appointed which is customary procedure for all
Boards/Commissions.)

Ms. Papale stated that Mr. Lane has had ten years experience on the
Planning & Zoning Commission and five years experience as an
alternate for the ZBA.

Motion was made by Mr. Centner to Close Nominations.

Andy Bravo, 608 N. Elm Street stated that he had reviewed the
Council Committee list which did not exhibit that a second
alternate position was available on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
He questioned why an additional appointment is being made?

Mr. Parisi stated that an opening did exist that was discovered
last minute.

Mr. Bravo asked, is Mr. Lane replacing himself as an alternate?

Mr. Parisi responded, yes.

VOTE TO APPOINT: All ayes; motion duly carried to Appoint Mr. Lane
as alternate on the ZBA.

WAIVER OF RULE V Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Waive Rule V of the Town Council Meeting Procedures for the Purpose of Appointing Four Constables, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE TO WAIVE RULE V: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Appoint William Choti, Robert Jacques, Sr., Anthony Pragano and Michael Mangini as Constables, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Mr. Parisi stated that three additional constables will be appointed once those names are submitted by the Democratic Town Committee Chairman.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive asked for an explanation of what a constable's duties are?

Mr. Parisi responded that the constables serve legal papers.

Mr. Reginald Knight asked, is he a police officer?

Mr. Parisi did not believe the constables held police powers.

Attorney Jerald Farrell, Sr. responded, the constable can serve papers outside the territorial limits of Wallingford as long as his first service is in Wallingford.

Mayor Dickinson added, there are constables who are appointed that do have police authority. It is not these constables, it is generally called a special constable. Many of our auxiliaries have that status.

Reginald Knight stated, since there is a shortage of personnel who monitor the clearing of the sidewalks of snow and ice, perhaps this duty can be assigned to the constables. We have three feet of snow on the sidewalks up by East Side Market. Neither the Town Council nor the police seem interested.

Mr. Parisi responded, the triggering mechanism for sidewalks that are not cleared is a complaint. If you come across a sidewalk in your neighborhood that is not shoveled and should be if you complain that may help to get things moving.

Mr. R. Knight did complain last year to the police, Mayor, Mayor's secretary, etc. This year he had to help an 80 year old lady by walking with her in the road because the sidewalks were not clear. Upon complaining to the police an officer told him to "keep jogging, fellow".

Mr. Parisi asked Reginald Knight to let him know the next time he encounters a problem.

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Mr. Parisi stated that we have wrestled with this problem for a long time. There is a gentleman at the Engineering Department who is the official sidewalk inspector.

Mr. R. Knight was familiar with the gentlemen. The job is still not getting done.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street believed that there was a two week waiting period that needed to be waived prior to swearing in the appointees.

Mrs. Rascati stated that the clause was removed from the Town Council Meeting Procedures.

Ms. Papale made a motion to Waive the Two Week Waiting Period in case it did exist, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Town Clerk, Rosemary A. Rascati performed the Swearing-In Ceremony at this point in time for those present.

(Mr. Labriola and Mr. Lane were not present for the ceremony and will be contacted by the Town Clerk.)

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$24,060 from Health Insurance Acct. #001-8035-800-8300 to Retirement Sick Leave Acct. #001-8035-101-1750 - Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Correspondence from Terrence Sullivan, Personnel Director explained that the transfer was before the Council for consideration this evening due to the fact that a number of unexpected retirements have recently occurred including a disability retirement. It is expected that a surplus will be available in the Health Insurance account due to the fact that there will be no increase in rates this May when, in fact, an increase was budgeted for.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$53,000 from Self-Insurance Workers Compensation Acct. #001-8035-800-3190 to Fire Hypertension Acct. #001-8035-800-8410 - Risk Manager

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Correspondence from Mark Wilson, Risk Manager states that funds are needed to pay medical and indemnity benefits to the end of the fiscal year. The reason there is an emergency need for this money is due to the fact that a firefighter experienced a career-ending heart attack. The wage replacement and medical expenditures associated with this event could not be anticipated during the budgetary process.

Mr. Doherty asked, how many employees are currently receiving heart and hypertension funds?

Mr. Wilson responded, six retired police officers and three widows of deceased firefighters.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 Withdrawn

ITEM #10a Consider and Approve Accepting a Gift of \$29,030 by the Wallingford Youth Soccer League to the Town of Wallingford - Parks & Recreation Department

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Table This Item Until Thomas Dooley, Director of Parks & Recreation, arrives for discussion on the matter.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #10b Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$29,030 to Capital and Non-Recurring Revenue Account and to Contribution to Pragemann Park Lighting Acct. #002-9495-400-4810

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to also Table This Item Until Mr. Dooley Arrives, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Progress Report Out on the New Recreation Facility at 6 Fairfield Boulevard as Requested by Councilor David J. Doherty

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Hear Discussion on the Item, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Henry McCully, Director of Public Works stated, the final sign-off on the bid documents by Government Access Television, Youth Service Bureau and Recreation Department should occur this week. He has met with Sam Sargent (architect) this morning and it appears as though the work will be put out to bid the end of February.

Mr. Doherty asked, who else will occupy the building besides those departments mentioned?

Mr. McCully responded, a space will be allowed for Big Brothers/Big Sisters who are under the umbrella of the Youth Service Bureau who will take responsibility for their presence in the building.

Mr. Doherty asked, what modifications are planned for the building?

Mr. McCully responded, demolish part of the southwest corner of the building and construct a 12,000 sq. ft. gymnasium. The rest of the building will be left intact. The interior will be modified, rearranging walls, etc. using as much of the existing structure as possible.

Mr. Doherty asked, will you be eliminating any showers or bathroom facilities.

Mr. McCully responded, we are using everything that is in there.

Mr. Doherty asked, nothing will be eliminated that is there now?

Mr. McCully responded, no.

Mayor Dickinson corrected Mr. McCully by stating that the showers will be removed.

Mr. McCully stated, the showers that existed from the health club that was there will not be activated. We have no need for them in the facility.

Mr. Doherty asked, you have a gym there, are you going to attach showers to the gym?

Mr. McCully responded, we are not providing for that, no.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the equipment that is there is not in good condition. It was sheet metal and would not hold up under any kind of prolonged use. The primary thing regarding showers is that we don't offer that kind of amenity now and given the fairly serious issues regarding hygiene and other care necessary for shower facilities, we want to stay away from that.

Mr. Doherty asked, wouldn't that gym be used by the basketball league of the Recreation Department similar to the way they are using Sheehan now? Can't they shower after the games at Sheehan?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't believe that there are necessarily regular use of showers at any of the gyms that are currently used. Maybe the school systems allow it but when there are games at Simpson School there are no showers. It is not something that we regularly offer as part of a program. We don't want to try and compete with health fitness clubs. We are providing a recreational opportunity but once you get into showers,

it is soaps, towels, lockers...a multitude of additional questions and security issues that begin to absorb too much in the way of manpower.

Mr. Doherty stated, it would be his position that he would not want those amenities put in if they were not there already but they are there, why not leave them there rather than tear them all out?

Mr. McCully responded, because of the poor quality of the showers it was determined that they would be removed and the pipes capped.

Mr. Doherty asked, wasn't there also a sauna? What are the plans with that?

Mr. McCully responded, we are removing that also.

Mr. Doherty asked, is that in bad condition also?

Mr. McCully answered, yes, it has been laying dormant for years.

Mr. Doherty asked if the padded floors of the aerobic rooms will stay? Will the mirrors stay as well?

Mr. McCully stated, they will stay...what ever is feasibly possible to save we will save.

Mr. Doherty asked, what will happen to the day care room?

Mr. McCully answered, the day care room will be converted to an art room/combo day care.

Mr. Doherty asked, what about the parking lot?

Mr. McCully answered, it will stay as it is, it is in excellent condition.

Mr. Doherty asked, what about the flooding problem?

Mr. McCully stated, during the winter months a pipe leaked and it was discovered after much time passed. Some water was on the floor which was a slab-type floor and there was no damage. The leak was repaired.

Mr. Doherty asked, what will happen to the computer room which had an elevated floor....will that be left there?

Mr. McCully answered, no, it will be part of the structure that will be removed and that room will be made available for other activities.

Mr. Doherty asked, what will happen after this goes out to bid in February?

Mr. McCully responded, it will take approximately one and one-half to two months turn around time for the bids, construction will hopefully begin the middle of the summer. Construction will be nine months to one year.

Mr. Doherty asked, how much money had been expended on this so far?

Mr. McCully responded, we have paid \$1,095,000 for the purchase of the building and I have encumbered \$86,000 for the architect, Lazarus and Sargent.

Mr. Zappala asked, how successful have we been in moving everyone out of the building? Has everyone moved out?

Mr. McCully responded, there are still two tenants there. One is on a month to month basis....Attorney Small could answer this question better since she is dealing with the tenants.

Mr. Zappala asked, has Friendly's moved out?

Mr. McCully responded, not yet but they are paying rent.

Mr. Zappala asked, what is holding them up from moving out?

Mr. McCully answered, we have not progressed with the project as quickly as we would have liked to. At this point there is no big rush to get them out of there. We are collecting some rent from them. Attorney Small is handling the issue.

Mr. Zappala asked, then there will be no obstacles when we are ready to start the project?

Mr. McCully responded, no.

Mr. Zappala asked, is there enough money to proceed with the project until it goes out to bid?

Mayor Dickinson responded, yes.

Mr. Knight asked, what is the ball park figure that you are working with regarding renovation costs?

Mr. McCully answered, in the neighborhood of \$1,400,000.

Mr. Knight asked, are you fairly confident that you will be coming in under that mark?

Mr. McCully responded, yes, the construction market is soft and we should get favorable bids.

Mr. Knight asked, does the figure include all the equipment that the Recreation Department is going to want?

Mayor Dickinson stated, the figure includes fixtures and not equipment. It will also include the architect's fee as a gross figure. Equipment was never included in the figure.

Mr. Knight asked if there was a ball park figure for the equipment?

Mayor Dickinson responded, only for the television station which is equipment-intensive. There is a total of \$142,000 in requested equipment for the television station.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked, will Mr. McCully be coming back before the Council to request more funds? Will it have to be presented in the form of an ordinance again?

Mr. McCully responded, yes, that is correct.

Mr. Wright asked, have we checked with other surrounding towns...is North Haven, Cheshire, etc., not providing showers for their gymnasiums? Is this a real problem or one we have dreamed of?

Mr. McCully stated, when you have a variety of people using showers it raises a lot of questions and you have to look into these things to see if you are creating a problem for yourself.

Mr. Wright stated, if we have already made the decision then I assume that we have looked into this. What happens in surrounding towns?

Mr. McCully answered, he did not check with other towns.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the showers are typically in schools because the students attend classes after the physical exercise. The recreation center does not involve situations whereas people have to stay there after physical exercise, they can leave and use their showering facilities at home. It will increase our expenses, operational costs as well as security and supervision requirements to have locker rooms with various ages of people using the same showering facilities. In addition you would have to deal with the chemical treatment of the area in order to prevent any disease, etc. It is not a small issue and it is his understanding that most towns do not provide that amenity. Unless there is a pool involved where showering is part of the health code that is one thing but the typical gym/recreation center-type facility does not have to have showers.

Mr. Wright stated that he seemed to recall that when Mr. Doherty and a lot of other people were out stumping for the acceptance of this particular area (Fairfield Blvd. Recreation Center), one of the things that was mentioned was, "we can get right in there, we won't have to wait for two years, we can get right in there."

Mr. Doherty responded, that is town government.

Mr. Wright responded, yes, that is town government but I will tell you this, town government is what we will accept town government to be.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street stated, I am really disappointed with this project as I have been from the start. What is truly disappointing is that all the people that ridiculed those of us who tried to get a referendum on this issue are not here tonight to push this project along. It was supposed to be a state-of-the-art building, one we can be proud of. We are dragging our feet and the people that want it ought to be ashamed of themselves because they are not here pushing it. We have two tenants still in there, do they have a lease?

Mr. Parisi was not sure.

Mr. Wasilewski asked Mr. Parisi to ask the Mayor if the tenants have a lease?

Mayor Dickinson responded, one tenant rents month to month and does not have a lease. At one point Friendly's lease was brought before the Council to terminate but things were worked out and it was not terminated as a result of the Council's actions. He was not aware of the specifics on the issue.

Mr. Wasilewski asked the Chairman to ask the Mayor again, is it going to cost the Town of Wallingford anything to get rid of these two tenants?

Mayor Dickinson responded, it is possible that it would. It is possible that it could add to the cost of the project if there is some form of protracted or prolonged effort to evict people in a facility. That would add to the cost.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, we should know by now whether or not it is going to cost the Town extra to get our tenants out since it has been a year since this project was started.

Mr. Doherty asked Chairman Parisi to direct the Town Attorney to provide an answer to Mr. Wasilewski within the next couple of days.

Mayor Dickinson agreed to speak with Attorney Small on the issue.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked if we are taking care of the dangerous situation that exists with the six lane highway in the area of the recreation center?

Mr. Parisi stated, the recreation center is not located on Route 68 it is located off a side street.

Mr. Melillo asked if the Town has increased its insurance coverage on the property?

Mr. Parisi responded, he is confident that the property is properly insured.

Mr. Centner asked, during construction who will manage the site?

Mr. McCully responded, he will work personally with the architect.

ITEM #12 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$8,500 from Regular Wages & Salaries Acct. #001-1401-101-1000 to Professional Services Acct. #001-1401-901-9007 - Comptroller

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Mr. Rys read correspondence from Eva Lamothe, Deputy Comptroller, into the record which stated that the Comptroller's Office is requesting the transfer at this time because two vacancies in the purchasing office currently exists. It is difficult to determine when the positions will be filled at this point in time.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 Report Out on the Status of 132 Prince Street and the American Legion Property as Requested by Councilor G. Tom Zappala

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Hear Discussion on this Topic, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Mr. Zappala stated that he has received telephone calls from neighbors on Prince Street complaining that many people park on the street during the day making it difficult for them to leave their driveways and asking if something can be done. We spent over \$330,000 to purchase the property at 132 Prince Street and the American Legion next door. With the budget workshops coming up soon he wondered if the parking situation can be addressed and prepared for. He favored the purchase of the American Legion property for he felt it would be beneficial to the Town in terms of parking area. It would not be a large expenditure to take advantage of the property by adding parking space to the Town Hall. It is going to cost approximately \$220,000 to demolish the house on Prince Street to obtain parking spaces so how difficult and expensive could it be to connect the parking lot of the Town Hall and American Legion? It is possible to gain an additional twenty spaces.

Mr. McCully stated that Planning & Zoning would have to be consulted regarding a change of use permit.

Mayor Dickinson stated that he will investigate the possibility and work up a potential schedule of what may be involved in opening up the fence and use it for parking. As a general rule, there are parking spaces at 88 S. Main Street. Only a few days last week all

the spaces were taken but that problem has since been alleviated, some people were parking there who were not visiting the municipal office buildings. As a general rule there is always parking available at 88 S. Main Street. He will review the costs involved with Mr. Zappala's suggestion.

Mr. McCully stated that the building at 132 Prince Street has been tested for lead and some questionable costs came in surrounding the removal of the lead. Mr. Roe looked into contacting offices in Hartford to see what position it put the Town in. He found that for the amount of lead that is there we do not have to have it abated. Mr. Pedersen has informed Mr. McCully that the bid will go out some time in February. We should have the building down and begin working on the parking lot some time in early to late Spring.

Mr. Zappala stated that he has visited the parking lot at 88 S. Main Street many times over the past few weeks to find that there are not many empty spaces there, the most he has seen is two. It is human nature that no one wants to walk too far. Maybe if we could open the American Legion property it may eliminate some of the problems that have occurred on Prince Street. He asked Mr. McCully if the cost estimate for demolishing the Lacey Property (132 Prince Street) has been confirmed at \$220,000?

Mr. McCully stated that he did not believe that it will cost the entire \$220,000 to demolish the property.

Mr. Farrell asked, before spending a lot of money on demolition and a parking lot, could we investigate what the price of a gate at 88 S. Main Street would be with the idea of requiring the Town employees to park there and allowing the general public to park here. He has noticed from living in the area that there are a large number of post office and Shawmut bank employees who are parking there.

Mayor Dickinson responded, we have open spaces at 88 S. Main Street and, as a general rule, if you cannot find parking spaces there are open spaces at 88 S. Main St. A gate is an expensive approach. In addition, you end up with a lot of issues over who is assigned parking spaces there. You cannot assign all Town employee vehicles there, there would not be enough spaces. Then it becomes an issue over who is assigned there. That is why we assign certain spaces at the Town Hall just for the general public and we look to enforce that. He has not had any complaints about no parking. He does not believe that a critical problem exists.

Mr. Farrell stated, even if a gate were to cost \$10,000., compared to the price we will spend on paving it does not seem that expensive.

Mayor Dickinson responded, it comes down to, what is the nature of the real problem? He is not anxious to spend any money regarding

parking, other than the money that has been appropriated for the Lacey property. Once the additional seventeen spaces have been acquired it should alleviate any problem that currently exists regarding parking.

Mario Tolla, 69 Pond Hill Road asked for an update on the Legion building. Has there been any progress made on renting the building out?

Mayor Dickinson responded, we will go back out with R.F.P.s to solicit interest from the private sector to hopefully enter into a five or six year lease to allow private use of the building during a short term lease.

Rita Katona, 148 N. Branford Road asked if it is possible to give the house, itself, to Habitat for Humanity, to move to another location?

Mr. McCully stated, it would be cost-prohibitive to move the house.

Mr. Parisi asked if the Town could at least offer the organization the option of moving the house out?

Mayor Dickinson will make contact with Habitat to Humanity to make the suggestion.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked if the building is in dangerous condition?

Mr. Parisi stated that the house is closed and secure from entry by the public. It is not unsafe.

Mr. Melillo stated that he is in favor of renting the American Legion property.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the primary purpose for purchasing the American Legion property was to provide expansion room for the Town Hall but there are no immediate plans to do so. At the time expansion is needed then the issue of what will happen to the property permanently will be addressed.

ITEM #10a Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Remove Item #10a from the Table, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Consider and Approve Accepting a Gift of \$29,030 (approximate amount) from the Wallingford Youth Soccer League to the Town of Wallingford Parks & Recreation Department

Mr. Rys read correspondence from Tom Dooley, Director of Parks and Recreation Department stating that the acceptance of this gift

finalizes an agreement made between the Wallingford Youth Soccer League and the Town to put new lights at Pragemann Park in a 50/50 collaboration.

Mr. Dooley introduced Mr. Anthony Lemme, Past President of Wallingford Youth Soccer League and Mr. Dave Gelo who has been instrumental in the project, to the Council.

Mr. Doherty asked for the history surrounding this issue.

Mr. Dooley explained, in 1991 the Town entered into a verbal agreement with the Wallingford Youth Soccer League regarding the possibility of installing new lights up at Pragemann Park to enhance their soccer program. In 1994 the item was placed in the budget for approval and \$45,000 was placed into an account. Over the course of the past couple of years a lot of fund raising has taken place resulting in favorable results which has substantially reduced the Town's financial obligation in the matter.

Mr. Doherty asked if the soccer league anticipates any future requests for the installation of lights at other Town fields?

Mr. Lemme responded, we would like to see a lot of lit fields for the league. This is the first opportunity to have a lit field for themselves. There are other fields in town for other sports and, on rare occasion, the league has had the opportunity to play night games. With the help of the 50/50 program that has been worked out this has become a reality for the league. It presents an opportunity to the children of Wallingford to play more often and under safer conditions. It is an expensive proposition but the league may consider doing another field if this works out well.

Mr. Doherty asked, was the league able to conduct the TWIST (The Wallingford Invitational Soccer Tournament) tournaments without lights?

Mr. Lemme stated that a very successful tournament was held even in light of a hurricane which appeared at that time, just because of the use of lights, we were able to finish the tournament.

Mr. Knight asked, now that this part of the work has been accomplished, where do you go from here? What do you anticipate in terms of construction?

Mr. Gelo responded, hopefully within the next six weeks if everything goes according to plan, the work will be performed.

Mayor Dickinson asked if the figure had changed?

Mr. Dooley responded, no, it has not changed.

Mr. Zappala asked, who will be in control of the lights?

Mr. Dooley responded, the Parks & Recreation Department will control the lights and one member of the soccer league will be in possession of a key as well.

Mayor Dickinson stated, it is a Town of Wallingford field with the Wallingford Soccer League as a primary user. He did not want anyone to get the impression that anyone else owns the field but the Town.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi thanked everyone involved in this joint venture stating that they are setting a fine example showing that the private sector and the Town can work together. This is one of the finest examples of participation that he has witnessed.

Mr. Lemme stated that there has been a tremendous amount of cooperation of the part of the Town in this venture.

ITEM #10b Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Remove Item #10b from the Table, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$29,030 to Capital and Non-Recurring Revenue Acct. and to Contribution to Pragemann Park Lighting Acct.

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid and an Approval of a Two Year Contract with Adkin Printers for Microfilming Services and Cott Systems for Computerized Indexing Services Requested by the Town Clerk

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Zappala.

Correspondence from Rosemary Rascati, Town Clerk stated that since 1984 Wallingford's land records have been microfilmed by Adkin Printers. The Town Clerk's Office has received excellent service from Adkin for the past twelve years. This means whether the document is one page or one hundred pages the price charged is \$.90.

The Town Clerk's Office has also retained the services of Cott Systems since 1984. Once again, the service has been excellent and Cott has agreed to hold the price to \$1.30 per instrument for this fiscal year.

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Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that he is opposed to waiving the bid for it eliminates competition.

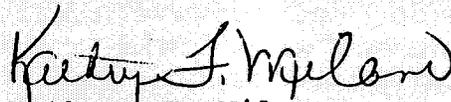
VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Ms. Papale.

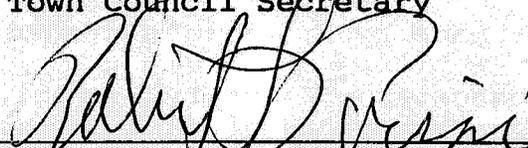
VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

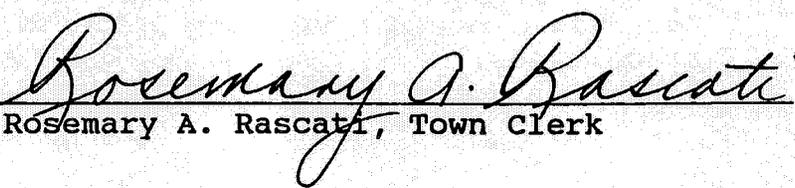
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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

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Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

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