

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 25, 1997

6:30 P.M.

AGENDA

Blessing - Rev. Dean Warburton - First Congregational Church

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
  - 2a. Correspondence
  - b. Presentation of Awards to the Wallingford Nightmares In Recognition of Their 1997 State Soccer Championship for U-13 Division
  3. Consent Agenda
    - a. Approve and Accept Minutes of the 10/28/97 Town Council Meeting
    - b. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#173-186) Totalling \$607.95 - Tax Collector
    - c. Approve and Accept the 1998 Meeting Schedule of the Wallingford Town Council
    - d. Consider and Approve Merit Increases (3) Approved by the Mayor
    - e. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,271 from Copy Machine Acct. #1600-999-9902 of Which \$825 is Transferred to Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #1600-570-5200 and \$446 is Transferred to Office Supplies Acct. #1600-401-4000 - Personnel Department
    - f. Consider and Approve the Abandonment of an Easement at 52 No. Plains Industrial Road - Town Attorney
  4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
  5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
  6. Remove from the Table to Consider and Approve One Appointment to the Position of Commissioner on the Housing Authority for a Term of Five (5) Years to Expire 10/31/2002
  7. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$8,619 to the Magnet School Transportation Grant Revenue Acct. and to the Magnet School Transportation Grant Expenditure Acct. in the Special Revenue Budget of the Town
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8. Consider and Approve a Proposed Job Description for a Position Entitled, "Director of Youth and Social Services" - Personnel Department
9. Consider and Approve Accepting the Following Streets Accepted by the Planning & Zoning Commission at their November 10, 1997 Meeting:
  - Vumbaco Drive - off of Harrison Rd. next to I-91
  - Fairlawn Drive, Section VIII - end of Fairlawn Drive, which is off of Grieb Road
10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a List of Approved Street Names as Requested by Councilor Gerald Farrell, Jr.
11. Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Make Application to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection for an Outdoor Recreation Development Grant for a Municipal Project Known as the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail - Program Planner's Office
12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Establishment of the "Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Advisory Committee" as Requested by Councilor Richard J. Centner, Jr.
13. Discussion and Possible Action on Naming the Recreation Center In Honor of the Late David Doherty - Town Council Members
14. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Certified Local Government Grant Program of the CT. Historical Commission as Requested by Councilor Stephen W. Knight
15. Discussion and Possible Action Pursuant to CT. General Statutes Section 7-147q(a), Regarding the Appointment of an Historic Properties Study Committee as Requested by Councilor Stephen W. Knight
16. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Appointment of Councilor Stephen W. Knight as the Council Liaison to the Historic Properties Study Committee as Requested by Councilor Stephen W. Knight
17. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(4) of the CT. General Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Lease and/or Sale of Property - Town Attorney
18. Consider and Approve a Contract for the Purchase of Property - Town Attorney
19. SET A PUBLIC HEARING on an Ordinance Appropriating \$190,000 for the Acquisition of Real Property Consisting of 23 and 25 Silk Street, Wallingford, and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose - December 9, 1997 - 7:45 P.M.

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A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and Called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:37 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Deputy Comptroller Eva Lamothe were also present. Town Attorney Janis M. Small arrived at 6:45 P.M.

A blessing was bestowed upon the Town Council by Rev. Dean Warburton of the First Congregational Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #2a Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence presented by the Council.

ITEM #2b Presentation of Awards to the Wallingford Nightmares In Recognition of Their 1997 State Soccer Championship for U-13 Division

Mayor Dickinson invited the members of the Wallingford Nightmares to take a place on the stage to be recognized for their achievement. Each player was presented with an award by the Mayor and Town Council Chairman for their outstanding effort.

ITEM #3 Consent Agenda

ITEM #3a Approve and Accept Minutes of the 10/28/97 Town Council Meeting

ITEM #3b Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#173-186) Totalling \$607.95 - Tax collector

ITEM #3c Approve and Accept the 1998 Meeting Schedule of the Wallingford Town Council

ITEM #3d Consider and Approve Merit Increases (3) Approved by the Mayor to Date

ITEM #3e Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,271 from Copy Machine Acct. #1600-999-9902 of Which \$825 is Transferred to Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #1600-570-5200 and \$446 is Transferred to Office Supplies Acct. #1600-401-4000 - Personnel Department

ITEM #3f Consider and Approve the Abandonment of an Easement at 52 No. Plains Industrial Road - Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented,

seconded by Mr. Center.

Mr. Gouveia requested that Item #3f be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Parisi informed Mr. Gouveia that the policy of the office is to call the Town Council Secretary by noon of the Friday before the Town Council Meeting if a Councilor wishes to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he was not aware of such policy and the Town Council Meeting Procedures does not reflect such a rule. In fact, he requested that an item be removed from the consent agenda at the last meeting and no one objected to it.

Ms. Papale explained that Mr. Gouveia was not on the Council when Mr. Parisi circulated the correspondence.

Mr. Parisi explained that there will be no one present to answer to the item that Mr. Gouveia is requesting removal of.

Ms. Papale asked Chairman Parisi to explain to everyone why he made the request of the Councilors to call the Town Council office by noon of the Friday before the meeting.

Mr. Parisi explained, the reason I made the request was very simple and that was the reason why we all accepted it. It was to have the department head here but also it was, there was no sense having a consent agenda if we could not have the person here to answer the question and if we did not know ahead of time that we were taking an item off; that was the reason we instituted it. He asked the Town Council secretary if there was a copy of the current meeting procedures in the office and, if so, to retrieve them.

Kathryn Zandri, Town Council Secretary explained the order of events surrounding this issue in hopes of clearing up the confusion. The Town Council amended its meeting procedures in March of 1996. Shortly thereafter a memo was sent to all Councilors from the Chairman informing the Councilors of the procedure Mr. Parisi wanted followed in the office regarding the consent agenda. It (the procedure) was never voted on or incorporated into the consent agenda part of the meeting procedures.

Mr. Parisi asked that the memo be retrieved from the office.

Mr. Gouveia reiterated that the Council's Meeting Procedures do not reflect such a requirement.

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Gouveia which item on the consent agenda he wanted removed?

Mr. Gouveia responded, Item #3f is too important an issue to be placed on the consent agenda where there is no discussion what so ever; no comments for the record. You are considering approving the abandonment of an easement; that is real estate property; and as such the Town Attorney indicated that an

easement does constitute an ownership of real property interest. An item like that should be....I don't object to the item I want to state for the record that such an item of such importance should be in open session, should be discussed as a regular item on the agenda and not part of the consent agenda. Under the Town Council rules you cannot offer any comment, you can't ask any questions, you simply have to approve the consent agenda by a vote. It is too important of an issue to be placed on the consent agenda. The Chairman was of the opinion that the Meeting Procedures addressed the format by which the consent agenda was addressed and therefore denied Mr. Gouveia's request to remove the item from the consent agenda.

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Gouveia if he still wanted the item removed?

Mr. Gouveia responded, you have allowed me to make my comments on the record so I see no reason to remove the item however, if you so desire and are willing to, I will ask you to set it aside.

Mr. Parisi stated that the topic is covered very clearly in the correspondence supporting the item.

Mr. Parisi called for a vote on the consent agenda as presented.

VOTE: Gouveia, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #4 Withdrawn

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Albert Killen, 150 Cedar Street asked, is there anything in the Council's rules and regulations pertaining to the consent agenda? As I recall it the consent agenda was put on to expedite things and anyone could ask that an item be removed and it would be removed. It did not take a majority one way or the other, it was courtesy.

Mr. Parisi explained, we were finding that, if someone came to a meeting and removed an item it was not always that the department head would be in the audience to explain the item. All we did was say, if we can have the items removed by Friday afternoon, that gives us time to notify the Council secretary and she would notify the department head that the item was requested to be removed and the department head would be at the meeting so that when the item was removed he would be there to explain it.

Mr. Killen responded, all things do not necessarily have to be explained by a department head. In the meantime you have items on the consent agenda and no one seems to ask a question. I used to pour over this stuff when I sat at the table and I could never get enough answers. Apparently this group can just glance at something and they have it made. All the time that I have been attending these meetings no one has asked to have something removed from the consent agenda. All of you just ran for office, don't you have an interest in the office you are holding?

Mr. Parisi responded, maybe they get the answers, I don't know.

Mr. Killen replied, the Council is a debating society by nature and you are supposed to hear what he says and what he says on the contrary and mull it over and come up with the best for the Town of Wallingford. You can't if you all assume that who ever put this item on the agenda knew what he was talking about.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that he was pleased to see that Councilors Farrell and Gouveia have supported his idea he brought forward several months ago; the naming of the recreation center in David Doherty's honor.

Mr. Parisi interrupted Mr. Melillo asking if he had a specific question for the Council? He stated that the Public Question and Answer Period is not for this. It is question and answer period. The item to which Mr. Melillo referring appears on the agenda later on.

Mr. Melillo recognized Mr. Zappala's dedication to helping the homeless for years in town. He asked, what is town government doing lately to back up people like Mr. Zappala?

Mr. Parisi responded, we try to be nice to him and we appreciate his efforts. I go out with him occasionally for dinner.

Ms. Papale replied, we council people do a lot of things that the ordinary, every day people in Wallingford do. We have been at the homeless shelter; we have volunteered to serve meals. I have never stayed over night but I was there on many occasions to serve meals to the homeless. On December 19th the Councilors and the town hall employees are all taking one-half an hour to one hour off of their working day to stand in front of the post office to accept change for the Salvation Army. We do it as citizens of Wallingford, not as political people. Some of us are also going to be at the Grange at 5:00, some at 6:00 some at 7:00 on December 9th when Nancy Aborn is going to be there for Holiday for Giving and we are going to be there to help receive all the food. We are ordinary people that go out there and we volunteer our time for many, many good causes in the Town of Wallingford and I just named three. The Homeless Shelter, the Salvation Army and the Holiday for Giving. We are doing our part as citizens.

Mr. Melillo asked, what about town government? I am sure they can afford donate some money to these homeless people in a practical way.

Mr. Parisi stated, we don't have to question whether the Council people are donating anything.

Mr. Zappala informed Mr. Melillo that the Town donates money to the shelter. They do every year; \$8,000.

Mr. Melillo referred to a newspaper article which states that many parents park their vehicles in areas designated specifically for buses at the schools which endanger the safety of the school children. He asked if the Public

Safety Committee can step in and do something to eliminate this danger?

Mr. Parisi responded, that question should be directed to the Board of Education.

Mr. Renda offered to contact the Board of Education members and bring the issue to their attention so that if there are violations occurring the Board will take the proper measures to correct them.

Mr. Melillo next asked, why is it that we have not yet been able to have seat belts on the buses for the children?

Mr. Renda replied that the matter must go through the State.

Mr. Melillo next referred to an article which appeared in the Record Journal about the businesses on Hall and Quinnipiac Streets that feel the Town is ignoring their area when it comes to seasonal decorations and streetscape improvements. He would like to see the Town look into the matter to have it corrected to make sure that all people and all businesses are treated equally.

Mr. Parisi stated that he has spoken to Wallingford Center, Inc. about the issue already and could not say whether or not they will be able to get any decorations up in the area in time for the season. It will be considered for next year.

Mayor Dickinson explained that the issue is in the funding. If they are able to raise additional funds they could purchase additional street decorations but the big wreaths are purchased by the various businesses. If a business wanted to obtain one of the wreaths that have been on display over the years it can contact Wallingford Center, Inc. and arrange to obtain one. It is not that anyone is being excluded, they must contact Wallingford Center, Inc. regarding the purchase of decorations and Wallingford Center, Inc. needs to raise additional funds in order to acquire the decorations that go on the light poles that line the street. It is an issue that can be addressed and over a period of time the improvements that have been visited upon the downtown will continue.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue stated, I was under the impression that you needed nine affirmative votes to pass the consent agenda. You have one dissenting vote tonight.

Mr. Parisi responded, the majority rules.

Mr. Sheehan asked, you changed that?

Mr. Parisi answered, yeah, I guess so. The majority vote takes it.

Mr. Sheehan replied, this is only the second time I have heard a dissenting vote on the consent agenda and the last time I got up and asked you said that it did not pass because there was one dissenting vote. I remember that and

it was Mr. Doherty who voted no. It is only the second time that I have heard someone vote no on the consent agenda in the last two years.

Mr. Parisi responded, I think it is the majority vote.

Mr. Sheehan replied, you gave me the answer that it did not pass.

Mr. Parisi answered, if I gave you that answer then I apologize, I was wrong. I don't believe that we have ever not passed a consent agenda.

Mr. Sheehan stated, I remember it not passing once because I got up and said "did it pass or didn't it?" and you said, "it didn't".

Mr. Parisi asked, do you have a rough idea, approximately? We can check through the minutes.

Mr. Sheehan responded, it was a while ago and I think the dissenting vote was Mr. Doherty. It may have been within the first year of this Council's term.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street informed everyone that he noticed that C.R.R.A. (Ct. Resource Recovery Authority) is refunding some of their surplus profits to towns along the shoreline. Have they refunded anything to Wallingford? Old Saybrook got over \$50,000 back from the surplus profit that C.R.R.A. is making.

Mayor Dickinson stated that he was not familiar with what that would be. It may be a specific project there. The project here in Wallingford would be separate financially from projects they operate in other parts of the State.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, they lowered their tipping fees from \$51.00 to \$48.00 a ton. What are the tipping fees in Wallingford?

Mayor Dickinson responded, right now I believe they are \$61.00 a ton. It went from \$67.00/ton to \$61.00/ton.

Mr. Parisi stated, it was just lowered.

Mr. Wasilewski added, nine towns have come into money anywhere from \$2,000 to \$50,000 that C.R.R.A. has given these towns. If we can get a little money from them it would be appreciated.

Mayor Dickinson agreed to look into the matter.

Mr. Wasilewski next stated that a handicap ramp has been installed on the Town's sidewalk in Simpson Court. Is the Town liable for the ramp? It takes up half of the width of the sidewalk. If someone falls on this ramp is the Town liable? It sticks up pretty high and has no railing on it. I am against the Town being sued if someone falls down and gets hurt.

Mayor Dickinson stated that he will have Engineering check on whether that is on property owned by Dime Savings Bank or whether it is land owned by the

Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, who owns the sidewalk?

Mayor Dickinson replied, it varies. In some parts of the town all of the sidewalk is not owned by the Town of Wallingford.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, if someone falls on that ramp the Town will be liable. Would they have to get a special permit for this?

Mayor Dickinson will check into it.

Mr. Wasilewski took a moment to thank Peter Gouveia for filling in for Dave Doherty. You must have a headache every time you come to the meeting from banging your head against the wall and you don't seem to get ahead. I appreciate what you are trying to do and I want to thank you for filling in for Dave and I think Dave is looking down right now and is saying, "Peter, thanks for filling in." (applause)

Mr. Gouveia thanked Mr. Wasilewski for his remarks.

Mr. Parisi asked Town Planner, Linda Bush who was present in the audience, if she had any information that may prove helpful to the Council on the matter of the handicap ramp.

Ms. Bush responded off microphone that it was her understanding that the ramp is located on private property.

Mr. Parisi asked, would they need any special permitting?

Ms. Bush approached the microphone and responded, it would be treated like a sidewalk that was on private property or patio and no permission would be needed. It is my understanding that it is on private property but I would have to check with Engineering to be certain.

Mr. Parisi stated that he was concerned about the A.D.A. requirements for the sidewalk. He viewed the area the other day and feels that it is questionable how wide the access way is by the ramp.

Mayor Dickinson will have the Engineering Department look into the matter.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, I am not doubting that the property is privately-owned but in the old days if you had a lot and there was nothing on it but people cut across that lot, if you did not put up a barrier there once a year, that is it, it is public. This is the same thing.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street stated that he was pleased to see the support given the soccer team. It was nice that they complimented the Parks & Recreation Department, the Mayor, Public Works, etc., I wish that we had that kind of support for hockey in this town.

Since he was not present at the last Town Council meeting he asked if someone could fill him in on Item #7 which was a request for a transfer of funds totalling \$16,000+ in one account and \$26,000+ in another for a total of \$42,000 for Fire Headquarters. He asked, does this have something to do with the contract we have?

Mayor Dickinson explained, the money was transferred to allow the work being done on Fire Headquarters on Masonic Avenue to continue. It is an expansion of the building; training area and offices for the Fire Marshal and his staff and an elevator. Additional money was needed, in part, to allow improvements to the basement which was an option under the contract that the Town decided to go ahead with. In order for the new area to be utilized \$20,000 had to be allocated for various pieces of furniture. Additional sums that are in some dispute but additional costs as a result of the design of the expansion and resulting higher costs is a result of some problems that have arise. That was the nature of the transfer.

Mr. Wright asked, are we supplementing the original contract because the contractor overran?

Mayor Dickinson stated, there are items in dispute. The \$8,600 for the basement was an option. He bid that; we initially were not going to proceed with it. We did not fund it and since then the determination has been that it would be best to fund it at this time. The furniture was never part of the contract so that is an additional item in itself.

Mr. Wright stated that he supports the fire department but he has his suspicions about how things are handled here because we have too many times pulled chestnuts out of the fire because we have not held the contractor to the contract.

Wes Lube, 15 Montowese Trail stated that he is asking a question pertaining to Item #19 on the agenda.

Mr. Parisi asked Mr. Lube to wait until the Council gets to Item #19.

Mr. Lube responded, I will be sleeping.

Mr. Parisi replied, there is no sense in discussing items off the agenda out of turn. It is only setting a public hearing.

Mr. Lube stated, that is not my question. My question is this; you are talking about \$190,000....

Mr. Parisi interrupted Mr. Lube stating, we are not going to deal with the item now. We will deal with it later on.

Mr. Lube replied, exactly, but in the meantime would you please help me with an answer to a question in regards to this? The item is for \$190,000 for the acquisition of real property. This property was on the market with an asking price of \$159,000 for a long period of time with no takers. They then

reduced the price to \$149,000. Billy Delissio of Yankee Realty tells me she still has the listing. If she has a listing for \$159,000 reduced to \$149,000 why are we paying \$190,000?

Mr. Parisi answered, we will discuss that at the public hearing?

Mayor Dickinson explained, the purchase price is still under debate but the amount you see here is for more than the purchase of the property.

Mr. Lubee asked, why doesn't it say that Mayor Dickinson?

Mayor Dickinson replied, because this is just the title of an ordinance so I don't think it will reflect all of the details. I don't know all of the details at this point but I can tell you that the purchase price for just the property would not be \$190,000.

Mr. Lubee asked, when will the details be available?

Mr. Parisi answered, at the public hearing and that is when we would adjust the figure.

ITEM #6 Remove from the Table to Consider and Approve One Appointment to the Position of Commissioner of the Housing Authority for a Term of Five Years to Expire 10/31/2002

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

VOTE TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Knight read correspondence from Andrew Bravo, Chairman of the Republican Town Committee into the record informing the Council that Mr. Robert Prentice of 291 Cook Hill Road has been endorsed to be re-appointed as a commissioner on the Wallingford Housing Authority.

Mr. Prentice has been serving the Town in the position since January of 1986.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Re-Appoint Mr. Robert Prentice to the Housing Authority, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Ms. Papale asked Chairman Parisi to speak with Mr. Bravo to make sure that future mailings to the Town Council are copied to all councilors.

ITEM #7 Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$8,619 to the Magnet School Transportation Grant Revenue Acct. and to the Magnet School Transportation Grant Expenditure Acct. in the Special Revenue Budget of the Town

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

Mr. Rys read correspondence into the record from Robert A. Brewer, Director of the Division of Grants Management, State of CT. Department of Education (Appendix I).

At this time a gentleman by the name of Joseph Pombo stated, I am proud to live in this town. I think it is the best town in the State, in particular the Mayor, Mr. Bill Dickinson. I have been having problems, health problems and other problems; everybody has problems. My wife has cancer. With the assistance of the Department of Welfare they have given us so much attention. She helped me with the Social Services, government, we got the things we need. I am very happy but there is one problem, Mr. Dickinson. The State is going to cover the services of welfare and this lady.....

Mr. Parisi explained to the gentleman that his comments pertain to the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Pombo replied, yes, I want to say a few words about this nice lady. It is only a few minutes with your permission. This lady, and I call her "angel of mercy", the name of this lady in particular is Maryann Zambory, she works in Welfare on this floor. I would like to see this lady in this building full-time but I know that the State is going to take over Welfare. I am glad that you people have heard me on these matters. These things, consider in the future.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive asked, what is a magnet school and what can it do for Wallingford children that the Wallingford school system cannot do?

Mayor Dickinson responded, it is a question that should be directed to the Board of Education and the staff and the staff of the education department. Magnet schools are generally geared to a particular area of scholastics or academic subject matter. If a person is interested in mathematics or science the school would be oriented in that. A student interested primarily in that field would go to that school and have more exposure to that subject matter. Typically, magnet schools serve a regional area because they are trying to attract students who are interested in that subject matter from a regional basis given that there would not be enough students within just one town. It is meant to augment the educational opportunities offered by each of individual towns. That is my understanding of magnet schools. There may be other types but I think for any real in-depth knowledge of it you should ask the questions of the Board of Education.

Reginald Knight stated, in my day quite a long time ago, if someone excelled in some subject you go to the schoolmaster, you get extra work and he would bloom under his own system. He did not have to go to another town or another place. I don't see why Wallingford can't do the same thing. I don't see why we have to ship children from one town to another because they excel in one subject. I think the town's educational system should be able to carry it without shipping them around. It was interesting to see that nobody could

explain magnet schools.

Mr. Parisi replied that anyone can probably give their version of a magnet school. I don't think there is any lack of opinions up there and ability to give you an individual description. I just think that the question is more appropriate for the Board of Education.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue asked, by accepting this money are we committed to the magnet school now? I was under the impression that the Board of Education was just looking into possibilities and we turned one down, a proposed magnet school, in Meriden maybe a year or two ago. Are we committed to this magnet school in Hamden?

Mayor Dickinson replied, as far as I know they have voted to endorse the idea of the magnet school.

Mr. Sheehan stated, they endorsed the idea but this was brought up at the last meeting or the meeting before, here, and it was stated that there was no commitment and it was not going to cost the town money, any funds. Now we are getting a grant under that name. To accept that grant we have to bus kids to that school, true?

Mayor Dickinson answered, I don't know.

Mr. Sheehan asked to make a statement; "The Board of Education budget is approved by this Council who approves all money. And that figure is roughly sixty percent of the town's budget. This is going to come out as a criticism to you because you are the boss, but I don't mean it that way but, whatever the Board of Education is doing this Council and the Mayor should know. They should not have to direct a citizen if he needs a question answered to the Board of Education where it involves money. You should know, I want to know if we accept this money are we committed to that school?"

Mayor Dickinson replied, my guess is that they have voted to commit Jallingford to the school. The issue is whether any students will go and that is a voluntary act on the part the students.

Mr. Sheehan stated, whether any students go or not we are still going to pay for it because it is a matter of towns and everybody has to throw into the pot.

Mr. Farrell stated, it may be appropriate to table this item until the Board of Education can come before us. I think that the label attached to it of "magnet school" raises a lot of cackles. For all we know we are discussing transportation to ACES which would be a magnet school if you think about it. Before we go too far down this road and learn later on that this was a fairly simple matter maybe it is appropriate to table it.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Table This Item, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE: Gouveia and Parisi, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #8 Consider and Approve a Proposed Job Description for a Position Entitled, "Director of Youth and Social Services" - Personnel Dept.

Mr. Rys read correspondence into the record from Terence Sullivan, Personnel Director (Appendix II).

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Append the Job Description to the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Knight (Appendix III).

Terence Sullivan emphasized that as of July 1, 1998 by State law the State of CT. is taking over general assistance on a state-wide basis. There do exist certain carry over duties related to the delivery of social service programs in this town which the Welfare Department currently performs. The town may wish to continue those services past July 1. Before you this evening is a proposed job description that takes the duties that will be, in lack of a better word, "left over" after Welfare goes away. This draft job description really started from the Director of Youth Service Bureau (YSB) and we simply took duties that had the social service language and folded it right into it. It speaks for itself.

Mr. Knight stated, in comparing the old job descriptions of the two positions he noticed that some of the language under Director of Youth Service Bureau, the supervision received specifically states, "works under the direction of the State and Federal Program Administrator." The funding for the YSB is different from the general government to some degree. He wondered if the supervision for this person is going to change by combining the two positions?

Mr. Sullivan responded, we discussed leaving it as is. The Grants Program Administrator, Don Roe, will still supervise this position.

Mr. Knight asked, are you comfortable with the fact that enough of the Welfare administration is going to be taken over by the State that what duties are left could still fall under Don's supervision?

Mr. Sullivan replied, yes.

Mr. Centner asked, how are we going to fill the position? Will someone come forward from within or are you going out in general application?

Mr. Sullivan answered, this is a unionized position and the contract requires that it be posted in-house for five days. It will be posted town-wide to all employees. We will see what kind of interest we have in-house. If we don't have sufficient interest we will advertise outside like any other job.

Mr. Centner was concerned with addressing the carry over duties and the non-general assistance aspects that have been going on previously in the Welfare Department. The person who will assume both roles; there will be enough, in terms of their position and the latitude in their job to handle the remaining

non-general assistance aspects or do we, as a town, plan on wiping out any of those type of services that we may have provided?

Mr. Sullivan replied, I cannot answer that entirely but certainly there are programs the town would likely consider to keep going. We have had discussions with the staff from both departments; talked at length with the Mayor and Don Roe; we believe this person, whomever it is, could do this combined function. It is hard to put an hour on every social service program that we do have. A lot is information and referral which we think would continue. The first major duty of that person would be to discern what work needs to continue. There may be program enhancements and some things may go away entirely. It is important for that new director to make those recommendations through her boss to the Mayor during the budget process.

Mayor Dickinson added, there are social service programs we will look to have continued. The effort here is to continue a social service presence and capability in the Town. With the State taking over the general assistance that does not make our current or even future needs, which may increase if the economy does not continue as strongly as it is, and we need to have that flexibility. The goal is to continue the ability within the Town of Wallingford administration to provide for social service needs.

Mr. Centner asked, is July 1 the point of demarcation?

Mayor Dickinson answered, that is the date that the State will take over the general assistance program.

Mr. Centner asked, do you envision what we are doing now to just stop on that date? The whole operation? Or do you envision some carry over?

Mayor Dickinson replied, there will be carry over but most of the ongoing duties of the current Welfare Department will not continue. The State will take those over; the case management, etc. There may be some carry over for a short time, however, for case management. Beyond that our programs would be oriented to Holiday for Giving and programs of that kind that we have been very active in and I would expect that we would continue to be active in.

Mr. Centner asked, other services like what we would do in some social cases would be to direct people to services available from the Salvation Army and such? Would we then just direct them to the Meriden office?

Mayor Dickinson answered, we would continue to deal with referrals where appropriate which could involve Red Cross, Salvation Army, Holiday for Giving, it could involve a number of programs. Where it is an eligibility for receiving general assistance or other benefits, the individual(s) would have to go to the State.

Mr. Centner referred to language under the new job description of the combined positions which reads, "...and also acts as a clearinghouse of available community resources for youth, parents, educators and community leaders." He wondered how that worked in with the new job description?

Mr. Sullivan stated that he believes the language referred to by Mr. Centner is part of the existing job description for the YSB Director. We are really not envisioning a change. There is a lot of liaison work and information referral, that is existing language.

Mr. Centner was concerned with whether or not the new position would be able to handle the load of the liaison and referral work in a balanced way. Is it more youth service and less focused on the social services? How will the job be broken down?, he asked.

Mayor Dickinson replied with the State taking over the vast majority of the work done by the Welfare Department at this point my guess would be that most of the work performed would be youth service. There is continuing social service need however, and we would look to provide that if the need grows greater. Like any other issue it would come before us at budget ti regarding staffing and presentation of what is necessary in order to me needs.

Mr. Sullivan explained, throughout this analysis one thing we wanted to not lose sight of was, we did not want youth service to suffer in anyway what so ever. That is why the YSB Director job description was the basis for analysis. We believe that the new director would handle both. As the Mayor eluded things may change or grow in the future that would have to be addressed at the budget process.

Mr. Centner asked, you are confident from day 1 that the position would be able to handle it without additional staff and if you did need staff you could add it at a later date?

Don Roe, Program Planner answered, we would look to review what our staffing needs are in the upcoming budget presented to the Mayor and Council. At this point this is step one. It would be inappropriate for me, at this point, to guess what we are going to need to review and look at for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Zappala stated, I am glad that you did not lose site of the needs that the town is going to be facing and the people of Wallingford. I think the duties are covered very well and I think that only one person is qualified for that but I will keep that to myself. Where will the office be located? Is it going to be in the Town Hall or Parks & Recreation building?

Mr. Sullivan replied that the plans have not yet been finalized but since the majority of the Welfare Department's work will not be here after July, it may make sense that it belongs up at the Youth Service Bureau since it is the Welfare Department that is going away.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the position would be at the YSB which would become the Youth and Social Services Department.

Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Sullivan to elaborate on what the other social service functions exist besides welfare.

Mr. Sullivan was not sure what all the programs were in detail and therefore could not list them.

Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Roe, if you were to break down into percentages of the present workload, what percentage would be welfare and what percentage would be the other social services?

Mr. Roe replied, my impression is, and I feel awkward commenting on the Welfare Department because I have not been the overseeing body of that organization, that it is between 65% and 85% general assistance work; 15%-35% has been optional programming that the community has supported. In that discretionary programming certainly there has been a long term involvement with the Holiday for Giving program. Another example of long term involvement in a program has been on energy assistance. The third example would be that they are the resource for information and referral; the networker that gets people to the right spot.

Mr. Gouveia asked, once the State takes over welfare is it conceivable that other social services may be expanded within Wallingford? The State sometimes has a tendency to let some people fall through the cracks. It is a municipality that has to be there as a safety net to catch some of those people. Is it possible that some of the social service programs that we know of may have to be continued and possibly increased upon?

Mr. Roe responded, in doing this the town is looking to be prepared in the event that should happen. Again, the issue will be reviewed at budget time.

Mr. Gouveia asked, will the duties or obligations of the full time YSB Director be less than they are presently there? You are not reducing the services offered under the YSB at all?

Mr. Roe answered, no, we are not.

Mr. Gouveia pointed out, in referring to Mr. Roe's figures of 15%-35%, we could be asking one person to do 135% of.....

Mr. Roe responded, not necessarily. As explained to Mr. Centner, we see this as step one and step two is revisiting how we would look to cover the social service programming that again, while the town is not obligated to provide, the town has had involvement with. That is step two that would happen during the budget deliberation time. He cited the following example; I was here as a Grants Administrator. I don't remember any council people when Government Access Television was assigned to me saying, "wait, what do I give up or what else happens here?" We just saw this as being natural appendices to be added to a job where the jobs are very similar by job description. It allows us the flexibility to make sure the community is prepared.

Mr. Gouveia reiterated that one full time director's position will be given added work because we will add on some services, some of which we don't want to give up and the Welfare Department presently has. Has any thought been given to what will happen if....have you contemplated that you may need an

assistant?

Mr. Roe replied, that will be part of step 2; assessing staffing needs.

Geno Zandri, 37 Hallmark Drive stated that he was concerned with re-locating the office to the Recreation Center. If any of you have had any dealings with the State you will find it a very complex system. If we are going to have people in need and on welfare the odds are that they are going to come here first; to our local department. They will be asking questions, wanting help in filling out forms, and to locate this at the Recreation Center which is on the extreme edge of the town would be an injustice to those people. It should be kept in the Town Hall at least for the first year to see how it works out. Eventually you can re-locate it if needed. The welfare part of this will be in a transition period and I wouldn't go moving that off--right of the bat.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, will this be coordinated with the State Welfare Department?

Mr. Sullivan responded, the statues dictate that the State of Connecticut will take over general assistance after July 1st. There will be coordination, there will be follow-up, there will be a period of time possibly as much as ninety days to wrap up hospital and medical bills.

Mr. Melillo asked if the idea has been discussed with the State Department of Welfare?

Mayor Dickinson responded, it is not necessary to discuss it with the State.

Mr. Melillo asked, is there any chance of a conflict with the State by combining the positions?

Mayor Dickinson replied, we do not expect any conflict. We will look to coordinate to the best of our ability to ensure that the State's programs will be successful.

Mr. Zappala stated that he was concerned about the location of the office. He is aware of some people who are in need of assistance from Youth Service and cannot obtain it because it is out of their way and don't have cars get to it. He agreed with Mr. Zandri. Now that we may be expanding services based on needs many people will not have transportation. We should keep in mind the suggestion of putting an office in a location that is easy to reach.

Mr. Parisi stated, after the program gets rolling some of the problems may solve themselves.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 Consider and Approve Accepting the Following Streets Accepted by the Planning & Zoning Commission at Their November 10, 1997 Meeting:

- Vumbaco Drive - off of Harrison Road next to I-91
- Fairlawn Drive, Section VIII - end of Fairlawn Drive, which is off of Grieb Road.

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

Mr. Parisi had visited Fairlawn Drive and asked if any other councilors visited the roads in question?

Mr. Knight stated that he visited Vumbaco Drive and it seems that the contractor has fulfilled his obligations to the best of Mr. Knight's knowledge of the matter.

Mr. Centner stated that he was out to Vumbaco Drive a few weeks ago and it appeared that construction was still going on with many of the houses.

Linda Bush, Town Planner responded, the Town keeps a maintenance bond and the Town has about \$5,000 on Vumbaco and \$10,00 on Fairlawn. She pointed out that the acceptance of Fairlawn Drive involves the Town also deeding back to abutting property owners the old cul-de-sac; that is an extension. Fairlawn Drive was extended.

Mr. Gouveia asked the Town Attorney if it was necessary to make a special motion or different motion for the abandonment of property?

Attorney Janis Small responded, it should be by separate motion, they are two separate acts.

Mayor Dickinson suggested dealing with the acceptance of the roads and we can come back with a description of what portions are being deeded to the property owners.

VOTE ON ACCEPTING THE ROADS: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi requested better preparation of the agenda item for the next meeting.

ITEM #10 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a List of Approved Street Names as Requested by Councilor Gerald Farrell, Jr.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight to append the list of names to the minutes of this meeting. (Appendix IV)

Mr. Farrell explained, a number of months ago the Ordinance Committee had taken up the general issue of the naming of streets. Up until this point the Town Council gets the naming of a street as an issue when the road is complete and people are already using the address. It is a very difficult situation for the Council to reject the street name for it would cause a major inconvenience to the people living there and using that address. The Planning & Zoning Liaison Committee discussed this matter with the Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Commission about a month ago. The net result is that

the P&Z Commission is in the process of adopting a change in its regulations that would have a developer or someone who needs a street name come to the Council for a pre-approval early in the P&Z process so that we would have the opportunity to pass or reject a street name at that point where it would cause minimal inconvenience to the party concerned. Any street name that the developer wants to propose is fine, however, Linda Bush suggested that to assist the process that it might be acceptable to come up with a list of names that generally meet what the Council is looking for in street names. In that vein I tried to come up with a list of such names. What you have on here are three groups of names.

Group One consists of names of founding families of Wallingford taken from Davis' History of Wallingford - Genealogy Section.

Group Two consists of names of local native americans at the time Wallingford's founding also taken from Davis' History of Wallingford - T Section.

Group Three consists of names of assorted historic figures suggested by members of the public.

Mr. Centner asked, what course of action does one take who wants a street named and does not want a name from this list?

Mr. Farrell replied, the developer or landowner would submit a letter to the Council Chairman who would then put it on the agenda for approval. From some discussions with the current Council Chair that we might expect that those would go on the consent agenda and anyone who had a problem with that particular name could pull it off for debate. The only purpose of this list is because Ms. Bush stated that developers were seeking such a list. This would aid in the process.

Mr. Centner stated, some of the names on this list are o.k. but I am looking at other names here, I know they are native but I cannot pronounce any of them.

Mr. Farrell asked, can you pronounce Mattabasset?

Mr. Centner tried to pronounce the native american names listed in group two. He stated, so long as the people who own the property and the developers have an avenue to still get a name of a road on their parcel that they own, I will vote in favor of this.

Mr. Farrell stated, no one has to pick one of these names. With regards to the Indian names I tried to include all of those who were mentioned in some land transaction between the original settlers and the Indians. I realize some are difficult to pronounce.

Wes Lube, 15 Montowese Trail stated that the point Mr. Centner was making is a valid one. Is there any reason why this list cannot be expanded to include any name appearing on a title of the property. For example, there are a lot of families that have owned land for several generations that were

not amongst our founding fathers like Deme Road. Could we not have a blanket provision for land owners such as that?

Mr. Parisi explained how the list is only a recommendation and not a mandate.

Mr. Lubee asked, on your recommended list could we not have such a provision?

Mr. Farrell responded, the list could be expanded at any point. It was requested of us by the P&Z Commission and I gave it the college try. That doesn't mean that I have come up with every possible name.

Mr. Lubee stated, having worked with developers in the past I know their reluctance to go through red tape requesting special permission. I can understand why many sellers of land that has been property of the family for a long period of time might feel inclined to ask a developer to keep their name in mind. All you have to do is add that to your suggested list.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive asked, why? Why do you have to get into the situation at all? If the words or the name of the street are not offensive or disgusting or mixes in with some other street or road, why bother with it? If the farmer's name was Smith and a Smith Lane is requested, so long as there is not a Smith Road or Smith Drive, what is wrong with that? Why do we need government to get us a list of names that are suitable that you can pick from? Are they going to give us a list of names that you can name your children? Is that the way it is going to be? I think we are wasting time on something that is not necessary. A policeman cannot enter your home without just cause. Why can't the person who is developing the area submit the name and then it would be up to the Town to show just cause why he can't name it that. Names on streets are only for people to recognize, that is all it is. There is no need for the government to get into it at all. Let the people do their thing, leave them alone.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue stated, a point of clarification; under this any developer that comes into town that submits a development names, histories, has to come before the Council to get approval of the streets whether the names are on this list or not?

Mr. Farrell responded, that is the P&Z regulation.

Mr. Sheehan replied, P&Z does that now. You said that they would have to come before this commission to get approval of a street name. You said you could reject it or accept it.

Mr. Parisi explained, we can do that now, Mr. Sheehan.

Mr. Sheehan stated, you basically accept the street, you have nothing to do with the name. You did not name Vumbaco Drive tonight. Now you want to spend your time naming streets. What happens if the P&Z approves that developer's plan and comes before you and you reject the street? That means that he stops right there. You are giving him another process he has to go through to get a development in this town. It is already a very drawn out

process and you're making him go through another process, another commission over street names? You should have a much better way to occupy your time than worrying about streets. P&Z does it now.

Mr. Parisi corrected Mr. Sheehan by pointing out that the developers do not have to come before the Council, they have to submit a letter.

Mr. Sheehan asked, why do they have to submit a letter to you? Why should they have to?

Mr. Farrell responded, I would assume that the letter goes in both directions; the regulation of P&Z is that it gets submitted to us before they submit any other plans.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, can anyone in the T of Wallingford propose a name for a street? I keep hearing that developer proposes a name. It is the sole legal right of the developers to name streets?

Mr. Parisi answered, right now the developer names the street and it goes...this is a list of recommendations. Supposedly developers have said that they don't know where to get names from or it is too difficult to get them for what ever reason. There was a recommended list developed by Mr. Farrell. It does not mean they have to use those names.

Mayor Dickinson explained, the legal authority to name streets is with the Town Council. Typically, the Council has accepted the names as proposed through P&Z but they are not...there is no mandate that they do that. If they would prefer another name the Council has the authority to put the name on the street. I suppose anyone can propose a name for a street. The Council is the legal entity that would decide what name is attached to a street.

Albert Killen, 150 Cedar Street stated, as I understand it the Council has the authority to come up with the names which has been done in the past and from what I gather this evening this Council has been requested to come up with some names that were not carved in stone, just suggested names. That what is being done this evening.

Mr. Parisi responded, yes.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he feels the town is adding another level of bureaucracy however, he recognizes that the will of this Council is to pass such a list. Mr. Gouveia asked that the motion be amended to add the names of Dave Doherty, Joseph Carini and Albert E. Killen. Mr. Paris asked that he attach the name of William Deforest Bertini to the list.

Mr. Farrell stated that he did give consideration to the Carini and Bertini names. He left them off the list and there is a pavilion named after Mayor Carini and there is a park named after Mayor Bertini. His thought was not to add to the confusion by adding a Bertini Road. A call to the Police or

Fire Department could be mistaken for Bertini Park. That is why he left those names off the list. He also tried to stay away from contemporary names because he did not want to make it anymore controversial than it already is.

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Amend the motion to add the names of Dave Doherty, Joseph Carini, William Deforest Bertini and Albert E. Killen, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: All ayes; motion duly carried.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: All ayes, motion duly carried.

Rosemary Rascati, Town Clerk stated that a proper motion was not made and seconded. To set the record straight a proper motion was made.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell that the Council Approve the List of Street Names as Proposed with the Addition of David Doherty, Joseph Carini, Albert Killen and William Bertini to the List with the List being Appended to the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Mr. Knight stated, I want to support Mr. Farrell in his efforts. I know that there are others that belittled this effort at bringing some recognition to certain people in this community that over the past several hundred years have contributed greatly to it. It is a shame that it is considered so slight and irrelevant that we dignify their presence and contribution to this community is important to me. I grew up in a community where a great deal of this street naming went on and I found it fascinating as a school boy to learn just why each street was named and what this person contributed to the community where he lived. That is what we are trying to accomplish here, we are trying to recognize some people that have done great things for this town in the past and have left us with nothing to remember them by. You, Mr. (Reginald) Knight, with your background, your nation reveres history and reveres the people and English history is studied all over the world because people revered those who have accomplished much and that is the only attempt here; to try to remember; to try to bring from generation to generation some remembrance of those people's accomplishments. I am looking forward to having an opportunity to vote on every single street name that comes before us.

Mr. Farrell stated, in echoing what Councilor Knight had to say, I would point out one good example that if you look on the list the name of Merriman is there. Nathaniel Merriman was one of the original founders of the town and his specific responsibility was protecting the welfare and security of the town. In effect, he was the first policeman if you could call it that. His family has tried for over fifteen years to get a name, a street in this town named after him and they have not been successful. I think it is about time that we recognize Lt. Merriman three hundred twenty-seven years later.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Make Application to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection

for an Outdoor Recreation Development Grant for a Municipal Project Known as the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail - Program Planner

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Approve the Resolution and Append a Copy of it to the Minutes of This Meeting, seconded by Mr. Centner (Appendix V).

Correspondence from Don Roe explains how the Department of Environmental Protection (D.E.P.) has recently notified the town about the availability of competitive grant funds under the Municipal Outdoor Recreation Program. The total amount of funds available statewide is \$1.2 million. The town must fund the project in its entirety and the state then reimburses the town 40% of the approved project cost. Based on the state priorities and specified evaluation criteria used for acquisition projects, a Wallingford acquisition project would not be highly rated. Organizational and planning activities are currently underway to promote the development of a linear park along the Quinnipiac River. The first phase of the project is estimated to cost the town between \$330,000 to \$430,000.

Mr. Knight asked what the timetable is for implementation in order to qualify for this grant?

Don Roe, Program Planner stated that it could take D.E.P. up until six months to respond. Then you have a period of time to complete the project. There was no indication in the packet what that period of time would be. In the past it has been approximately three years. He expects an answer within three to six months. He emphasized the fact that the state reimburses up to 40% of the cost of the project. In the past the state largely did 40% projects but this time around, given the limited amount of money, they are emphasizing the option of up to 40%. It could be less.

Mr. Knight stated, although not all communities are going to advantage of this, it is going to be a competitive program. He was concerned about whether or not this project fits the criteria used to evaluate and rank the importance of the project. He wondered what the variables were.

Details on the method by which the State evaluates and ranks the projects that are being submitted for the grant was not readily available however Mr. Roe recollects that the project meets the criteria.

Mr. Centner commended Mr. Roe, John Thompson, Town Engineer and Bill Clark of the Engineering Department for their effort and enthusiasm in providing information for giving the town the details to apply for the grant.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive echoed Mr. Centner's thank you for the Engineering Department's efforts on the linear park trail and it is most definitely a worthwhile job. Our parks are being eaten up by sports ground. Someone said the other day that Pragemann Park is no longer a park but a baseball ground. We want something where everyone can enjoy it; walk, enjoy nature, walk their dog, roller skate and even jog. It will benefit the Town by helping to clean up the area. For those who have walked the area you are aware of the debris and litter that is in the river. There is washouts which ruin the river. We also saw the effluent coming out of Cytec. If we get

this linear trail in it could be a beautiful addition to this town. It would help the State, the canoers, the hikers and even swimmers if we can clean it up.

Mr. Killen asked what the overall cost of the project was?

Mr. Centner responded that this first phase was estimated to cost \$430,000.

Mr. Killen encouraged the Council to jump in with both feet on this project. By dragging them (feet) it will cost more money in the long run. A man named Peter Hale proposed a recreational area based on the same concept from our North Haven boarder to our Meriden boarder quite some time ago. The estimated cost for the project at that time was \$250,000. The project was to include various types or recreational activities. We missed that chance, let's not miss this one. Besides, if the State does not help fund the project it is well within the Town's coffers to fund it ourselves.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that it is good to have as many professional people at the federal, state and local level involved in this project. He asked, how enthusiastic do the state and local representatives seem to be? Is there a possibility that we may be able to secure federal grant monies?

Mr. Centner responded, yes, there are many sources of funding that the committee will apply to. The U.S.E.P.A., State D.E.P. and Quinnipiac Watershed Association are a few of the entities that are supporting the committee to see the job through.

Mr. Melillo was sorry that he could not attend the last Linear Park Trail Committee Meeting for he was the subject of a surprise birthday party. He asked for an estimate of the cost for the entire project?

Mr. Centner stated that there is no estimate at this point in time. We have been given preliminary rough estimates per linear foot of the project which does not include trails, look-out points, boardwalks, etc. The only figures estimated at this time are for land acquisition.

Mr. Melillo asked if the neighboring towns will participate in the project?

Mr. Parisi felt that it was much too soon to tell. It is an inappropriate to ask at this point in time.

Mr. Melillo urged the Council to support the project. By purchasing as much property as possible we can reduce pollution.

Al Kovacs, Signal Hill Road asked, why is the Quinnipiac are being considered? We have a wonderful place in which to locate the trail; Tyler Mill area. We have just finished building on its fringes. The trail can run from Woodhouse Avenue to East Center Street. Currently the area is being used as a dumping site where deviates are now congregating. It is a gorgeous site. Last year a young man earned an Eagle Scout Badge for cleaning up the

area. Please give consideration to locate the linear park there.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #12 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Establishment of the "Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Advisory Committee" as Requested by Councilor Richard J. Centner, Jr.

Mr. Centner recognized those members of the committee who were in attendance this evening explaining that how the first meeting was initiated on September 30, 1997 and has been Co-Chaired by Rep. Mary Mushinsky and Mr. Centner ever since.

such as side trails, a concession at the Senior Center, look-outs possible boardwalks. Membership in the committee has been very strong and a list of the seventy-seven members is before the Council this evening for approval. The membership currently includes a large list of ex-officio members including Governor John Rowland, Mayor Dickinson and present Wallingford Council members along with other State officials. The committee has developed a formal letterhead for correspondence, a sample of which was provided to the Council.

He went on to say that the person responsible for signing up Gov. Rowland was Jackie Iaderosa of the Republican Town Committee. At Mr. Centner's request Ms. Iaderosa traveled to Hartford in hopes of recruiting the support of some high level people. Mr. Centner jokingly suggested approaching the Governor for his signature and support. Ms. Iaderosa was successful in securing the support of the Governor. He requested that Ms. Iaderosa read a letter from Governor Rowland into the record.

Mr. Parisi did not feel it necessary to do so.

Mr. Centner insisted that the letter be read.

Jackie Iaderosa of 12 Haller Place proceeded to read correspondence from Gov. John G. Rowland into the record as follows:

**"Dear Friends!**

It is a pleasure to extend greetings and offer my full support of the Wallingford Linear Trail Parks. When the official committee list comes before the Town Council's meeting for approval on November 25th, I would be proud to have my name included as an ex-officio member.

This exceptional project hopes to combine a walking and biking trail with those trails established between North Haven and Meriden. As the trails will link most of the south-central Connecticut together, I see

is as a way for the towns of our State to share in recreational and community-related activities.

Friends, I commend everyone involved in this bipartisan effort. Please know that you have my best wishes for success in the Linear Trails Project.

Sincerely,  
John G. Rowland  
Governor"

Mr. Centner explained that a total of three fact-finding hikes were conducted that encompassed the entire length of the trail as proposed; approximately 5 1/2-6 miles in length.

Mr. Parisi requested that a copy of the letter be filed with the secretary to the Town Council.

Mr. Centner continued, stating that as an advisory committee to the Mayor's Office they will strive to assist in all phases of fundraising, development and publicity in the project. Further out near the point of construction the advisory committee can assist in assembling a building committee to be appointed and approved by the Town Council.

Mr. Centner made a motion to Accept the Establishment of the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Advisory Committee with the members so listed and we understand that upon approval, as a committee, we will operate in accordance with the F.O.I. Act, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Gouveia asked to make an editorial comment stating, in all his years of involvement in Town government he has yet to see an issue that has gathered so much steam in such little time. When people lead, leaders will follow. That is what happened here. The tidal wave of public support and enthusiasm has turned those who questioned Mary Mushinsky's motives at first totally around in this endeavor and because of public support this will be a reality. He is glad to see this in Wallingford.

Mr. Knight stated that he, too, is also a member of the committee; not because he sits on the Town Council but because he also had an opportunity to lead one of the groups through a portion of land that is under study. He stated that he has yielded to no one in his enthusiasm in the project. Having said that he hopes to participate in further study of this project which is still, in large measure with the exception of the 4,600 foot section, in the information gathering stage. It is his understanding, having served on various other types of committees, that building, study and advisory committees are formed when the Council has largely accepted the project in a defined way such as the Senior Citizen Center. Having walked one of the sections it is important to point out that this will be a daunting task facing this committee and the town to complete this project from boarder to boarder. He applauds Mr. Centner and Rep. Mushinsky for focusing in so quickly on the part of the project that can be built at a relatively low

cost and relatively quickly. He suggests that it be known as a study committee so that it can focus on the gathering of information which will be critical to everybody whether Federal, State or local that will be involved in this process. It is a very exciting civil engineering task if nothing else. He suggested that the committee be named a study committee instead of advisory committee to focus its energy on the aspect which he feels will contribute the most.

Mr. Rys stated, at the initial meeting a couple of speakers indicated that as many people as possible should be involved and the core group was very successful in accomplishing that. They also stated that the group would be broken down into specific committees which would then seek private donations. He asked Mr. Centner if the statements were correct?

Mr. Centner responded that the group could have departed the initial meeting with one of two ways to go; either fully fund the project with private funds or handle it on a municipal level and have the municipality seek the grants as well as other funds. That is why the group has chosen to be known as an advisory committee; to work in assisting the Town in terms of publicity as well as walking the route that the Town's Engineering Department mapped out; a suggested route on which they are collecting data in terms of the challenges associated with the route presently. Feedback has already been provided the Engineering Department on the results of the site visit. The committee will try to meet again to try and disseminate the challenges for the purpose of putting a cost on them. They will also break the project into phases that the committee could then go ahead and attack in terms of looking at grant funding or federal funding. It may come to a point where some of these phases will not receive funding at all or limited funding. If the Town wishes to continue at that point it will have to put taxpayer money into it. He would like to obtain as much funding as possible but does not object to investing taxpayer money in an asset that will have an extended life and serve a significant amount of our community.

Mr. Rys was concerned that private donations from companies or firms could not be accepted if the committee were to take on the status of an advisory committee.

Mr. Centner replied that like kind things could still be accepted such as uses of land from private owners or other types of input given to the project in lieu of actual dollars. That is where the publicity and fundraising committees come into play. We have a publication detailing specific grants that are available for this type of project.

Mr. Rys asked, if you are an advisory committee will that require you to have a secretary and record all of your meetings?

Mr. Centner responded, we will follow all of the F.O.I. act and have a secretary and recorded minutes; post our meetings and provide minutes within the specified period.

Mr. Rys did not object to the list but noted that there are as many sixty members on it. He was under the impression that the Town Council normally decides who serves on the committees or at least has had the opportunity to designate someone to represent the Council on such a committee. The Mayor's Office also designates someone to serve.

Mr. Centner replied, the Mayor stated that he will represent his town offices. Regarding Council representation; by virtue of participating in the walk-throughs that have been conducted, they have adopted an ex-officio status.

Mr. Rys noted that one individual on the list is not a resident of Wallingford. He was not certain if he can be listed as a member.

Mr. Centner explained that the reason John Quine's name is on the list is because there is a possibility that the trail will be extended to Meriden. He took the walk of phase I, the Community Lake phase. He was enthused to see how it would link to his town and what he can contribute to it. If it is not appropriate to have him listed as a member we can deal with that.

Representative Mary Mushinsky reported out in a summarized fashion the activities of the committee to date (Appendix VI). She encouraged the Council to contact her or Mr. Centner if they would like additional information on the matter.

Mr. Melillo asked, in what way is Governor Rowland pitching in to sponsor the project?

Mr. Centner replied, by virtue of his backing the project it should show favorable on us for certain funds at certain times for grants and things. There is tremendous competition for funding and it should show favor on our project as we compete for those funds.

Mr. Melillo asked if anyone has asked the Democratic Governor candidate Barbara Kennelly if she is interested in supporting the project to balance things out politically?

Mr. Centner responded that it had not been considered.

Mr. Melillo suggested that she should be contacted.

Mr. Parisi recommended waiting until after the election.

Mr. Melillo replied that it should not be matter whether she wins the election or not. It is a bipartisan issue.

Albert Killen, 150 Cedar Street reminded the Council that the committee's term of appointment will expire within one month and will need to be re-appointed at the first meeting in January.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive expounded upon the activities, enthusiasm and progress made by the committee. He urged the Council to support the project. In walking the trail one will find it has become a dumping ground. This project could make it beautiful once again. He is of the opinion that once the first phase of the project is done it will prove that it is good and it works and will grease the way for any encouragement we get in the future. He thanked Councilor Knight for his admiration of the Irish people.

Patrick Hayden, 212 S. Orchard Street spoke on behalf of the Linear Trail Committee. He asked that the Council not cut the committee member list for it will cut different expertise right out. There are many people who know many different things that have and can continue to help the committee. It will also banish the morale of the committee is they see other members whittled away. He read the following statement into the record:

"I have to say that we have a beautiful town. Our town has good social economic and family structures as well as a grand historical past. The Parks & Recreation Department has done their best and I say good job, to provide programs to the teenagers in this community. But since the teenagers were kicked out of the center of town with the skating ban, which I will not go into, they need a place to go; a safe place and sometimes Parks & Rec is a little too far out of the way or it just does not interest them. I would say, in general, that the teenagers of this community, I being one, are interested in physical fitness or jogging or being with friends or roller blading or anything else and that this linear trail would be a great thing for them."

Mr. Parisi commented, if the committee is trimmed down it does not limit anyone's participation at all. It does not cut anyone out.

Jackie Iaderosa, 12 Haller Place asked that the Council recognize that this project has grown recognition from throughout the State from different communities and different commissions that are both State and local involved. The people who have come forward to serve did not have to. She wanted to know what reason the Council would have to take a person, an interested participant, off a member list when they have specifically requested to be a member. In addition to the list in front of the Council there are other members who have asked not to be listed but want their involvement as a participant of the organization.

Mr. Parisi responded, we are talking about committee structure, membership.

Ms. Iaderosa replied, membership is part of a committee, it is made up of members. Why people who want to be members of that committee would be removed? For what reason?

Mr. Parisi responded, in the past, when the Council has established committees, Councilors have the privilege of appointing people to committees. Maybe I want to appoint someone to the committee.

Mr. Rys stated, in the past the Town Council, whenever a committee has been appointed, each Councilor had input of who they wanted on the committee and the Mayor had two or three appointees as well for an odd number on the committee. To have fifty-seven people on a committee, voting, is pretty tough. I don't know how you can establish your rules on quorums and what ever is necessary under F.O.I.

Ms. Iaderosa responded, the same way we would establish them under the bylaws of our town committee. I don't understand why anyone would be removed.

Mr. Rys reiterated that no one will be removed from the list.

Mr. Centner explained that Ms. Iaderosa may be referring to John Quine who is from Meriden. We will move him to ex-officio status.

Ms. Iaderosa suggested considering a core membership list and an associate member list so that everyone gets the recognition that they deserve and want.

Mr. Parisi responded, you can do that once your committee is established.

Mary Mushinsky asked, would it be helpful if there were a smaller group such as an executive group of the overall membership that can be the official committee. They would take the input from the whole group, they would vote and hand in the vote to the Council.

Mr. Parisi stated, we don't want a vote. The committee can structure itself any way that they want. But precedent has been that the Council normally has appointed committees. There is a large number of people here.

Mrs. Mushinsky asked, at our next meeting on December 4th would the Council like us to set up a smaller executive group that meets with the Council? That way you could put your appointees on it.

Mr. Parisi stated, we can determine a number off the membership list. After your committee has been established you can structure it any way you would like to. He suggested that there be a committee that the Council will appoint. After that you can invite liaison participation at that point.

Mayor Dickinson explained, once the committee is voted on it is a committee. Whomever the committee chooses to have correspond with Town offices is the decision of the committee. Keep in mind that anytime you meet you must meet F.O.I. requirements for you will be a committee of the Town.

Ms. Papale asked the Town Attorney if someone living out of town cannot serve on one of our committees?

Attorney Janis M. Small replied that she would have to check into the matter for she was not entirely sure how it pertained to membership on an advisory committee. You can appoint an expert who may reside out of town to serve on a committee so it may not be a problem but she will need to check into it to be absolutely sure. A member of an advisory committee is not an elected official; not someone who is appointed with any power; it is an advisory

committee.

Mr. Parisi was under the impression that any individual residing out of town could not speak at a town meeting never mind serve on one of the town's committees.

Atty. Small replied, that is not automatic. There is no law that says you cannot do that. It may be a practice but it is not a law. In the Town of East Hartford last week an out-of-town resident wanted to speak and the board has a policy of not permitting someone from out-of-town to speak so they didn't let the person speak; they could have.

Ms. Papale, in reviewing the list of members, was happy to see that out of over seventy people there were only about six names she did not recognize. The list is comprised of Wallingford residents who come from all walks of life; different people with different ideas and interests. They all came forward to be on this one committee. It is wonderful. We have two Co-Chairs and it is up to them to keep this committee, even if it climbs to one hundred members, intact whether they form sub-committees or do whatever way they want. This list is wonderful. Mr. Centner and Rep. Mushinsky are well-aware of the F.O.I. rules and regulations and will most certainly follow them. Let's move on to the next item.

Motion was made by Mr. Farrell to Move the Question, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Motion was restated and amended by Mr. Centner to Approve the establishment of the Quinnipiac River Linear Trail Advisory Committee with the slight modification that until we find out, member John Quine to be moved to ex-officio status and to append a copy of the list of the members as provided tonight by Mr. Centner, seconded by Ms. Papale. (Appendix VII)

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi added his commendation to Mr. Centner, Mary Mushinsky and Jackie Iaderosa.

ITEM #13 Discussion and Possible Action on Naming the Recreation Center in Honor of the Late David Doherty - Town Council Members

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

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that this is one of the greatest recommendations that he has come across. He had a lot of personal contacts with Mr. Doherty and he had always considered the man non-political politician and it is very rare that he applies that description to anyone. He has come across so few people in all facets of life that were like Dave Doherty. He expressed his full support for the action. He thanked WPAA (Wallingford Public Access) for allowing him the opportunity to publicly announce that the new recreation center be named after the late Dave Doherty.

Mr. Melillo went on to say that a good number of people called him personally to express their wishes to make sure that the center is named after Mr. Doherty.

Mr. Farrell pointed out that this item was not requested by any single member of the Council but by each and every member presently sitting here; those who served with Dave right from the beginning of this term and those who have graciously taken his place. He thought it to be an extremely appropriate action to take. He did have many years in the school system educating the youth of the town. You would always see during the campaigns how much those students valued what he had done; they came back and worked for him in scores. We do know from his time on the Council that he took a great interest in many of these issues. He concurred with the suggestion that has been made to name the building after Dave Doherty. It is a great way to remember our colleague.

Mr. Gouveia stated, because Dave Doherty dedicated so much of his adult life working with the children of Wallingford both in the classroom, with extra curricular activities, outside of the classroom and in the community and because Dave Doherty was a strong supporter of the Recreation Department and its programs and because Dave Doherty committed so much of his time serving the Town of Wallingford in so many different capacities it is a fitting tribute to Dave Doherty and an appropriate action of the Town to name the building that houses the Parks & Recreation Department as a Dave Doherty Recreation Center.

Albert Killen, 150 Cedar Street stated, I have berated the Council all during your term; it is a pleasure for me to come here to commend you for something. I had the pleasure of serving with Dave and my fondest memory of him was the first year that he ran. I decided to take him under my wing and take him through sections of town government so that he would be comfortable introducing himself to people and see how the town was run. I thought I was fairly well known in town until I started taking Dave around and found out how many parents knew Dave forward, backward and what have you. Nothing but the finest tributes flowed from their as they talked about Dave. I did not know Dave that well at that time but I learned later on why they were so effusive in their praise. What you are doing tonight is something that Dave earned and something that you can be proud of all the rest of your days. I commend you for it and you should know that Mrs. Doherty is present in the audience and should be recognized.

Mr. Parisi was aware of Mrs. Doherty and other members of Dave's family. He acknowledged them and stated that he was pleased they were in attendance this evening.

Reginald Knight, 21 Audette Drive stated, I felt gratitude that Dave Doherty was a good neighbor and good friend. A few years ago we served on the Rights In Deeds committee together. He was a fighter for what he believed was right and he helped us a great deal and also his help with the youngsters. I would like to see an amendment to this motion that the building not be named after him but the institute. The way people bounce around from building to building I would hate to see the current building go out of style and then

move to some other place. I would like to see Dave's name follow the Recreation Center no matter where it goes. Is there some way to word the resolution so that the recreational service will stay in his name no matter what building it was in?

Mr. Gouveia stated that the motion can state that the building housing the Recreation Department be named after Dave Doherty.

Atty. Small saw no problem with that. It is the intent of the Council this evening and you cannot lock in a future Council as to what they would do years and years and years from now. You would think that, in fact, would be carried forward when and if it moved to any other location.

Motion was amended by Mr. Rys to Note that the intent of the Council is carry the name of David Doherty forward and to have it always be identified with the Recreation Department building and program in the Town Wallingford, seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: All ayes; motion duly carried.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Parisi asked Lois Doherty if she wished to make any statements or comments?

Lois Doherty, widow of David Doherty, stated, I want to thank everyone that has been involved in making this decision and I know that David would be very humbled by bestowing this honor on him. Thank you."

ITEM #14 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Certified Local Government Grant Program of the CT. Historical Commission as Requested by Councilor Stephen W. Knight.

Mr. Knight read the letter from Ellen Mandes, Vice President of the Wallingford Historic Preservation Trust into the record (Appendix VII).

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Appoint an Historic Properties Study Committee with the following charge; Pursue its duties as outlined in CT. General Statutes Section 7-147q sections a-h except that its powers limited to investigation and pursuit of only those properties whose own have approached the committee for inclusion in those properties overseen by the committee. In other words, only after the owner of a property requests inclusion in the committee's list of properties to be considered, can the committee proceed with the steps outlined in sections b-g of the aforementioned statute.

Mr. Centner asked, will there be any funds set aside for salaries or is it strictly for the operation of things?

Ms. Mandes responded, you cannot directly fund a salary position with this money.

Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Knight if the exception stated in his motion permissible under State Statute?

Mr. Knight replied, you can weaken the powers of such a committee but you cannot strengthened it beyond what the Statute sets out.

Mr. Gouveia stated, he is very much in favor of an historic district or an historic properties commission but it is easy for him to say for he does not live in one of those houses and does not have to live under those State Statutes that effect such an historic district. We know that there have been attempts to create an historic district and those people directly effected did not want it perhaps because of the constraints within the Statue. He was glad to see the motion include the exception that it is up to the people to volunteer to be a part of the district or properties commission.

Mr. Parisi wanted to be sure everyone understood that in no way does this action establish an historic district.

Ms. Mandes stated, at the current time as we are making this request the only three properties that would be a part of this would be the three properties owned by the Preservation Trust: the Nehemiah Royce House (538 N. Main St.), the Franklin and Harriet Johnson Mansion/American Silver Museum (153 S. Main Street), and the Joseph Blakeslee House (1211 Barnes Road).

Mr. Parisi asked, if I wanted to join the district or commission I would have to approach the committee and request entry into it and the committee would have to perform the necessary inquiry into whether or not the property qualifies to be in the district or commission?

Ms. Mandes responded, correct. There is no time limit on the request.

Mr. Centner asked, when someone elects to join is the property then transferrable or does it change upon the change of ownership or anything like that?

Ms. Mandes stated, I believe that you can opt out of it and that would probably cover it.

Atty. Small stated, the Statute anticipates you receiving a report and enacting an ordinance or refuse to enact an ordinance. It is not just a friendly agreement among property owners. I don't believe someone will be changing their mind about their property once an ordinance has been enacted pertaining to it. There are also time limits with regards to public hearings and such. There is a statutory procedure that needs to be followed.

Philip Wright, Sr., 160 Cedar Street asked Mr. Farrell why he was not in the middle of this issue?

Mr. Farrell responded, as the President of the Preservation Trust I will abstain on this matter. People could view this as a potential benefit to the trust even though it is not a financial benefit. I would rather play it

safe.

Mr. Wright asked, what is so different between this and an historic trust and the buildings that we have already put in some trust? Why do we need two different organizations?

Mr. Knight responded, there is a funding possibility that exists if this is established. Without this establishment of the historic properties study committee hence, the commission they will not be eligible for the funding that may be available from the State Historical Commission through certain grants.

Mr. Wright asked, has the issue of when and how you can get in and get out of the district or commission been cleared up?

Ms. Mandes responded, I believe that the only properties that will be members are the three properties that are museum properties in town.

Reginald Knight asked, am I to understand that once you opt in you cannot opt out?

Ms. Mandes believes that to be the case. In reviewing the Statutes quickly tonight she did not see a provision that allows someone to opt out.

Reginald Knight asked, will the funds be used for reconstruction of any type; actual physical work on buildings?

Ms. Mandes stated, the funds are not to be used for bricks and mortar. They are for research; plans can be drawn up but not construction work. The grant will provide only \$8,000 to \$20,000 per year.

Reginald Knight asked, will membership in the district or commission change the value of the property at all in terms of taxes?

Ms. Mandes responded, the buildings belonging to the trust are not taxable to begin with because the trust is a non-profit entity.

Reginald Knight asked, would it effect the neighbors on either side one way or another?

Ms. Mandes responded, the better our building looks the better their property values.

Atty. Small stated, I can't say this evening, I may ultimately say, but I can't say this evening that I agree that you can deviate from what the Statute says what the study commission's charge and procedural requirements are.

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Table Items #14, 15 & 16 in view of the information just received from the Town Attorney. Seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Farrell abstained; Gouveia, Papale and Zappala, aye; all others,

no. Motion failed.

Mr. Gouveia pointed out that the Council failed to table the item against the wishes of the Town Attorney.

Mayor Dickinson explained, the crux of the matter is whether an individual has to come forward and state that they want out or whether they are automatically in and have to affirmatively come forward and state that they are out. That is what the statute says. Can the Town of Wallingford limit the authority of a commission to only the properties of the people who come forward? That is part, if not all, of what the Town Attorney is concerned with. It is a critical question because once the committee begins its work it is out of our hands as far as the legalities as to what the power is. It could mean that a property owner who does not come forward and object will automatically be included.

Motion was made by Mr. Knight to Table Items #14, 15 & 16, seconded by Mr. Rys.

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 for the Purpose of Discussing Adding Information to the Town Council Meeting Procedures, seconded by Mr. Knight.

VOTE ON WAIVING RULE V: Gouveia, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys read correspondence dated January 17, 1996 from Chairman Robert Parisi pertaining to the consent agenda into the record (Appendix VIII).

Mr. Zappala was opposed to the request that Councilors are to notify the office by 2:00 PM on Friday to request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. If the packets are received on Thursday evening it only gives the Councilors five hours to obtain answers to their questions. If department heads are out of the office or away from their desks it makes it difficult to get the answers they are looking for.

After discussing the matter it was suggested that the cut off time for requesting that an item be removed from the consent agenda be moved to Monday to give the Councilors additional time to obtain answers to their questions.

Ms. Papale made a motion to amend the letter.

Mr. Gouveia pointed out that the letter is not a rule of the Council but merely a request by Chairman Parisi to follow a suggested procedure.

Since the meeting procedures are revised and adopted at the swearing-in of the new Council each term the issue will be discussed at the January 5, 1998 swearing-in of the Town Council.

No action was taken.

ITEM #17 Executive Session Pursuant to Section 1-18a(e)(4) of the CT. General State Statutes with Respect to the Purchase, Lease and/or Sale of Property - Town Attorney

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Enter Into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Centner.

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

The Council entered executive session at 10:48 P.M.

The Council exited executive session at 11:03 P.M.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Exit the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Centner.

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

ITEM #18 Mr. Parisi stated that the item would not be dealt with after hearing a report in executive session.

ITEM #19 SET A PUBLIC HEARING for December 9, 1997 at 7:45 P.M. on an Ordinance Appropriating \$190,000 for the Acquisition of Real Property Consisting of 23 & 25 Silk Street, Wallingford, and Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose

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

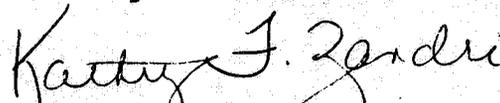
VOTE: Knight was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

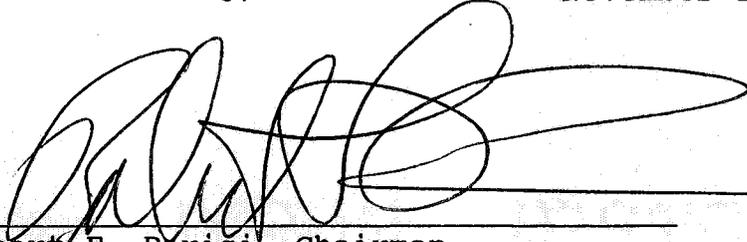
VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

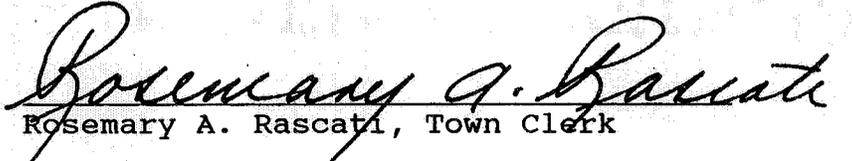
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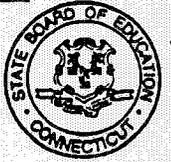
  
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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Appendix I



October 27, 1997

Joseph Cirusuolo  
Superintendent of Schools  
Wallingford Public Schools  
142 Hope Hill Road  
Wallingford, CT 06492-2254

Dear Dr. Cirusuolo:

**Out-of-Town Magnet School Transportation**

Date of Award: October 27, 1997  
Grant Period: July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998  
Grant Amount: \$8,619  
October Payment: \$4,310 *New Haven*

Wallingford has been awarded a preliminary grant as shown above to provide for transportation of students to out-of-town interdistrict magnet schools. The amount of the grant is based on estimated costs submitted on your ED021 capped at \$1,077 per transported pupil. It was necessary to cap eligible expenditures at \$1,077 to remain within the fixed state appropriation of \$1,053,480. The grant will be paid in two installments—the first of which will be made within the next two weeks. The amount of your first payment will be 50 percent of your preliminary grant.

Prior to paying the balance in May, we will collect updated cost estimates from each applicant. You will receive a revised grant award letter at that time. Although awards cannot be finalized until revised cost figures are reported, we do not anticipate any downward adjustments from the estimated grants. If there are additional funds to allocate when the revised costs are reported, they will be distributed to grantees that are being capped.

Final expenditures should be reported on your 1997-98 End of Year School Report (ED001) by September 1, 1998. Any unexpended funds must be refunded to the department at that time. Costs in excess of the grant received will be included in the calculation of your regular transportation grant for 1998-99.

Questions regarding this grant should be referred to Mark Stange at (860) 566-3430.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Brewer, Director  
Division of Grants Management

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cc: John Quinn

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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD  
Personnel Department  
Phone: (203) 294-2080  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor William Dickinson

**FROM:** Terence P. Sullivan, Personnel Director

**DATE:** November 17, 1997

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Job Description - Director of Youth and Social Services



I respectfully request permission to approach the Town Council at its November 25, 1997 meeting for the approval of the attached draft job description.

As you know, the State of Connecticut is taking over general assistance in July 1998. Welfare work comprises the majority of the workload in our own Welfare Department. However, other social service functions are performed by the Department. This proposal merges those responsibilities with the current position of Director of Youth Service Bureau, a position which is currently vacant. I met with Union representatives who are in agreement with this draft document. The salary scale remains unchanged (management pay grade 7 - \$46,003 to \$55,917).

It is my intention to recruit to fill this vacancy as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know. I will be at the Town Council meeting to answer any questions the Council may have.

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Attachment

Appendix III  
**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Town of Wallingford

**TITLE: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

This is very responsible administrative work involving the direction and delivery of municipal services to youth and the administration of other social service programs.

Work involves responsibility for developing preventive intervention and positive youth development programs, coordination with other agencies, referrals, technical assistance, volunteer coordination and research. Duties include policy recommendation, departmental planning and supervision, funding development, community and liaison work and the provision of direct client services. This position also has the responsibility for making difficult youth services and social service program decisions. The work requires that the employee have considerable knowledge, skill and ability in every phase of providing social services for youth and their families and other populations.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the direction of the State and Federal Program Administrator or other designated supervisor.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

Evaluates, coordinates and implements educational and positive youth development programs such as career counseling, peer advocates, truancy prevention and parent education programs as well as other social service programs.

Maintains contact with local, regional and State agencies and coordinates programs developed to respond to needs identified by such agencies including Police, Juvenile Court, YMCA, Recreation Department, Education Department, State Department of Children and Families, State Department of Education and State Department of Social Services, and acts as clearing house of available community resources for youth, parents, educators and community leaders.

Provides assistance to local community organizations and agencies in implementing youth involvement in their projects. Maintains liaison with and coordinates department activities with public, volunteer and private agencies. Works with other agencies and local corporations on the Town's special holiday projects.

Trains and counsels employees, develops goals and objectives for staff. Interviews and selects job candidates, evaluates performance, schedules and assigns work and decides on discipline.

Prepares grant applications and administers grant programming implementation. Conducts needs assessments and plans and develops new programs. Monitors compliance with governmental regulations in applicable departmental programs.

Drafts department budget and controls accounts for expenditures within fund allocations. Prepares monthly and quarterly budget and financial reports.

Provides limited counseling services to youth, families and other clients and makes referrals for continuing service assistance.

Attends interagency, school and youth serving organizations meetings, and regional and statewide youth and social services association meetings as assigned.

Performs related work as required.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

Thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of social work and municipal social services programs.

Thorough knowledge of federal, state and local laws, regulations and funding sources.

Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices of public administration as applied to a municipal youth and social services department.

Thorough ability in oral and written communication.

Considerable ability in counseling skills and in relating to clients on an individual and group basis.

Considerable ability to develop and implement youth and social services programs, including coordination of the efforts of various agencies and groups, to administer the activities of a municipal youth and social services department, and to supervise the work of others.

Considerable ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, associates, subordinates, officials of other agencies and the general public.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

A bachelors' degree from an accredited college or university in social science or a related field plus four years of progressively responsible social services administration experience, or an equivalent combination of education and qualifying experience substituting on a year-for-year basis.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Must possess a valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license. Must obtain and possess a valid Connecticut Public Service motor vehicle operator's license within six months from date of appointment.

Appendix IV

TO: Robert F. Parisi, Chair, Town Council  
 FROM: Jerry Farrell, Jr., Town Councilor  
 RE: Agenda for November 25, 1997

Please place on the above-mentioned agenda the following item:

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a List of Approved Street Names**

I attach hereto a proposed list of names, some of which come from Davis' History of Wallingford (published 1870) and some of which have been suggested by members of the public who have contacted me.

After receiving a list of current approved and unapproved streets from Linda Bush and Chief Dortenzio, I eliminated:

- 1) names already used for a street or public building\park, etc.
- 2) names which are too similar in sound to those already being used for streets and buildings\park, etc.

**GROUP ONE - Names of Founding Families of Wallingford**  
 (taken from Davis' History of Wallingford - Genealogy Section)

Abernathy, Andrews, Atwater, Barker, Beadle, Bunnell, Carrington, Clark, Cowles, Culver, Davidson, Foot, Harriman, Hart, Hitchcock, Holt, Hotchkiss, Hough, Humiston, Lewis, Mansfield, Mattoon, Merriman, Miles, Mix, Moss, Noyes, Parmalee, Preston, Stanley, Scarritt, Thompson

**GROUP TWO - Local Native Americans at Time of Wallingford's Founding**  
 (Taken from Davis' History of Wallingford - Text Section)

Sowheag, Mattabesitt, Sassacus, Momauguin, Sugcogisin, Quesaquauch, Carouhood, Wesaucucke, Sawseunck

**GROUP THREE - Assorted Historic Figures and Names**  
 (Suggested by members of the public)

Chauncey, John Davenport, James Dana, Martin Plunkett, Hugh Mallon, DelRosso, Magyar, Toth, Saracena, John Carroll, Pitman, Ulbrich, Ortense

Names should be removed from this list periodically as they are used.

New names should be suggested and added to the list.

David Deherly  
 Albert Killew  
 Wm. Bertini  
 Joseph Carini



*Town of Wallingford, Connecticut*

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD**

WHEREAS, the Town of Wallingford wishes to make application and obtain assistance from the State of Connecticut.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD:

- 1. That an application be made to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection for an Outdoor Recreation Development Grant for a municipal project known as:

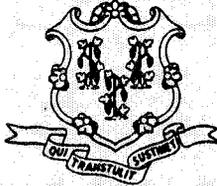
**Quinnipiac River Linear Trail**

- 2. That it is the intent of the municipality that, should its application be selected and approved by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, adequate funding for operating and maintaining the property and facility will be provided.
- 3. That the Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application, and to act as authorizing correspondent.
- 4. The Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary for said grant with the State of Connecticut.
- 5. That the proposed acquisition and/or development is in accordance with the Plan of Development of the Municipality, and that should said grant be made, said land will be retained in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-131a through 7-131k inclusive of the Connecticut General Statutes.

This is to certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Wallingford on \_\_\_\_\_, 1997. This resolution has not been rescinded, revoked or amended and is still in effect.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Town Clerk

*Town Seal*



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November 25, 1997

Dear Chairman Parisi and Council members,

On behalf of the volunteers who have dedicated their free time to promote a linear trail along the Quinnipiac River, I wish to summarize for you our activities to date and thank you for your interest in this project.

On September 30, 1997, I invited a group of officials, conservationists, youth advocates and interested citizens to listen to a presentation by Nancy Alderman, one of the organizers of the Farmington Canal Greenway, to determine whether there might be support for a trail along the river through Wallingford. I believed there were four reasons to consider the project now:

(1) "greenway" or openspace corridor projects are often eligible for federal alternative transportation funding; (2) the 1996 skating controversy indicated that Wallingford needs to establish a safe area for skaters, bicyclists and walkers; (3) The Quinnipiac River has been underutilized for recreation and nature study due to poor access and neglect; and (4) The corridor passes through and could be developed in conjunction with the current project to restore Community Lake and its marshes. More than 50 people attended and voted to proceed. Officials of the Department of Environmental Protection advised those present to plan out the project in advance in order to be poised to apply for any state or federal funds that become available. The Quinnipiac River Watershed Association recommended that the project pay attention to dual use of the river by canoeists and that the design improve, not degrade, the river.

Another 17 citizens endorsed the proposal at Celebrate Wallingford on October 4-5th. More than 30 active members met on October 16th to discuss federal funding, private foundation grants, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency's

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Appendix VI  
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at J. Council mtg  
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interest in supporting a watershed approach to improving the Quinnipiac. We broke into subcommittees to begin mapping, grant application, publications, and environmental assessment work. We thought we should pursue non-profit status to request grants.

On October 28 Councilman Rich Centner assembled a small working group to meet with Town Engineer John Thompson and Vincent McDermott of Milone and McBroom, as both had experience building and costing out Cheshire's Farmington Canal greenway. At the close of the lengthy meeting we adjusted our strategy and recommended to the other volunteers that we seek to become an official advisory committee to Wallingford, as most major funding must be received by a municipality.

The meeting produced a useful list of design issues and constraints we would have to address before seeking funding. We also decided to concentrate on building the Wallingford portion of the Quinnipiac Linear Trail from the north to south borders of town, while looking for opportunities to inspire similar efforts in neighboring towns to extend the trail well up and down the river.

On October 30 we reviewed the status of federal ISTEA funding and planned a hike to survey the river in segments for November 9th, to be followed by a meeting to report our findings. On Sunday, November 9, a small team of 14 die-hards refused to accept cancellation of the hike and surveyed the Community Lake segment in a heavy downpour. They included: Rich Centner, Pat Hayden, Tom Talbott, Diane Saunders, Caryl Ryan, Lois Doherty, John Quine (QRWA), Reg Knight, Martin and Edward Waters, and myself. We reported the area was ideal for Phase I of the trail, as it follows an existing sewer right-of-way through an interesting terrain with good public access.

On November 16th more than 45 active volunteers took part in the rescheduled survey day. Many were town councilors!

Teams and their segments included:

Elaine Doherty (and her team)--North Haven line to midpoint of Tolles Rd.-Quinnipiac Street;

Rich Centner (Jerry Farrell, Jr. and others)--midpoint of Quinn. St.-Tolles Rd. to Community Lake;

Tom Zappala (Geno Zandri, Jr., Kathryn Zandri, Madeline Parker, Joel Rinebold, Erik Jungk, Jim Citak)--west side of Community Lake;

myself (Sharon Whitehouse, Roy Goodrich (senior ctr.) Kim Worrall, Paul Worrall)--Wilbur Cross bridge to north end of Gopian's mobile home park;

Steve Knight (Tim Dineen, Pete Lorusso)--north end of Gopian's to Route 68;

Tarn Grannucci (Gary Fappiano, Pat Hayden)--Rte. 68 to Prageman Park;

Gary Baker (and his team)--Prageman Park to Meriden line. Each team did a report on their segment.

Many of the volunteers attended the DEP/EPA/QRWA presentation on the Quinnipiac River Watershed on November 19th, then reported their survey results to our group on November 20th.

The enthusiasm of these volunteers is amazing to see.

There is a healthy mix of generations working on this project and all believe it will produce recreational and conservation benefits for people and the river itself.

Thank you for the support and effort you have shown on this proposal. We hope to see completion of the trail in an incremental way, and promote its continuation through all the towns of its historic corridor.

Sincerely,



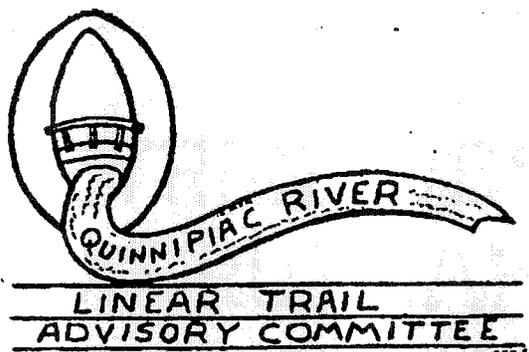
Mary Muskinsky  
for the Quinnipiac Linear Trail Advisory Committee

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TOWN COUNCIL

# Town of Wallingford, Connecticut

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TO: Wallingford Town Councilors

FROM: Robert F. Parisi *ADP*  
Town Council Chairman

DATE: January 17, 1996

RE: Consent Agenda

Welcome to 1996 and our first meeting of the year. There are rule changes to be approved and I trust you will find them acceptable. The consent agenda will work as follows, but only with your full cooperation:

1. Agendas will be delivered by 5:00 P.M. on Thursdays.
2. Your first order of business should be to review the consent portion of the agenda.
3. Any problems or questions that arise surrounding an item on the consent agenda should first be directed to the department head submitting the request and secondly, to the Mayor if a satisfactory answer is not obtained.
4. If, after following rule 3, you are still unable to settle your questions, you may request that the item be removed from the consent agenda by phoning Kathy Milano at the office by Friday, 2:00 P.M.
5. If no calls are received by Kathy the consent agenda will stand as presented.
6. Any/all questions will be welcomed prior to removing an item from the consent agenda. Phone me at home at 265-0431 or at work at 284-2800 ext. 3347.

Thanks! Let's have a good year.

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman  
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