

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Town Council Chambers**

**TUESDAY  
JULY 10, 2018  
6:30 P.M**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 was called to order at 6:33 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell and Jason Zandri. Councilors Craig Fishbein and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Corporation Counsel Janis M. Small were also present at the meeting.

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$1,873.98 (#1-11)  
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
  
- 3b. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,300 from Mayor's Office Expense & Supplies, Acct. #1015-56100 to Capital Acct. – Computer Monitor & Software, Acct. #TBD - Mayor
  
- 3c. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$100 to Revenue-Donations, Acct. #2524002-47152 and to Expenses, Acct. #25240150-58830 – Wallingford Jubilee 2020
  
- 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$6,629 from Maint. of Bldg., Acct. #10030000-54315 to Capital Account - A.C. - Gov. TV, Acct. #TBD – Public Works
  
- 3e. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of 1,330 from Maintenance of Trans. and Dist. Mains, Acct. #43100673 to Misc. Income Deductions, Acct. #43100426 – Water Division
  
- 3f. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,470 from Maintenance of Collection System, Acct. #46100673 to Misc. Income Deductions, Acct. #46100426 – Sewer Division
  
- 3g. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,922 to SCOW Grant HHD Fund, Fund #217 and to SCOW Grant HHD Fund, Fund #217 – Program Planning
  
- 3h. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,428 to SCOW Grant HRD Fund, Fund #231 and to SCOW Grant HRD Fund, Fund #231 – Program Planning
  
- 3i. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,500 to Revenue-Misc. Donations, Acct. #100-47040 and to Prof. Services-Entertainment, Acct. #10050050-56746 – Parks & Recreation

- 3j. Approve Town Council Minutes of June 26, 2018.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3i.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None**

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

6. Consider and Approve Wallingford Department of Public Utilities Electric Division/Wallingford Renewable energy LLC Generator Interconnection Agreement – Electric Division

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE WALLINGFORD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ELECTRIC DIVISION/WALLINGFORD RENEWABLE ENERGY LLC GENERATOR INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT.**

**MADE BY : LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

*In Attendance: Richard Hendershot, Director of Public Utilities*

Mr. Hendershot explained the materials the council received, the operation contract and fees, distribution system, invoicing and all the necessary documents that were included for the council's review.

Chariman Cervoni asked if the agreement was similar to the other agreements.

Mr. Hendershot explains in some detail the differences between this agreement and others and that this agreement is open ended and will most likely be a 20 year agreement.

Councilor LeTourneau states this is a solar project where the old landfill was and asked what is the length of the agreement?

Mr. Hendershot stated it is a 2.5 percent increase per year.

Mr. Gross, Long Hill Road, asked if any energy stays in Wallingford. Mr. Hendershot said contractually, no, he then explained the process and details and stated that this project was "imposed" by the state.

Mr. Gross commented we should be processing our own solar power and he thinks this is a missed opportunity.

Mayor Dickinson asked if this is a way to reduce the cost of energy in town. Mr. Hendershot doubts it will and explains why, various costs of maintenance, sunny/cloudy day issues and energy storage.

Mayor Dickinson stated that in general solar projects have higher priced energy. Mr. Hendershot said yes, typically.

Mr. Gross indicated solar is green and viable and battery capacity has improved.

Mayor Dickinson stated it is well known that Connecticut has the highest energy cost in the country. He went on to explain that green energy comes at a higher cost and going solar is going to increase the cost of energy. He noted this is not in our best interest.

Chairman Cervoni asks if this will have a negative impact on cost. Mr. Hendershot responded no.

Mr. Gross went on to discuss the advantages of nuclear and solar energy.

7. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:50 P.M.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: MARRONE**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:23P.M.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: MARRONE  
ALL AYE  
MOTION: PASSED**

**Time of Executive Session 6:50 p.m. to 7:23 p.m.**

**Attendance at Executive Session:**

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| <b>LAFFIN</b>      | <b>CORPORATION COUNSEL JANIS SMALL</b> |
| <b>LETOURNEAU</b>  | <b>MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.</b> |
| <b>MARRONE</b>     |  |
| <b>MORGENSTEIN</b> |  |
| <b>SHORTELL</b>    |  |
| <b>ZANDRI</b>      |  |
| <b>CERVONI</b>     |  |

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**  
**MADE BY: MARRONE**  
**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

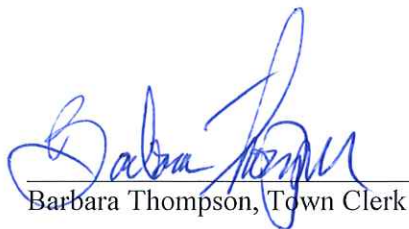
The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded

  
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 Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

  
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 Date

  
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 Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

  
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 Date

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