

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY
JUNE 22, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Gina Morgenstein, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and Corporation Counsel Janis Small were also present.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$164.49 (#930-933)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector

- 3b. Consider and Approve Merit Increase – Human Resources

- 3c. Consider and Approve request from the First Congregational Church for use of Parade Grounds each Sunday morning from June 27th through September 26th for four small (10+ children) Church Summer Camp programs scheduled for June 27, July 11, 18 and 25 in front of the Church Office building under a tent and possible 10 a.m., 90 minute Sunday services – Chairman Cervoni

- 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,500 from Utilities, Acct. #10030000-53010 to Contractual-Clothing, Acct. #10030000-56190 – Public Works

- 3e. Consider and approve a Transfer in the \$7,478 from Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, Acct. #10030000-54315 to New Capital Account – Public Works

- 3f. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$22,825 – Public Works
 - \$3,300 From: Trailer Acct. #10030000-57000-00947
 - \$7,015 From: Crew Truck Acct. #10030000-57000-00949
 - \$3,810 From: Mower Acct. #10030000-57000-00950
 - \$4,000 From: Rental of Equipment Acct. #10030000-54405
 - \$2,200 From: Continuing Ed. Acct. #10030000-55700
 - \$2,500 From: Materials & Supplies Acct. #10030000-56140

 - \$22,825 To: Overtime Acct. #10030000-51400

- 3g. Consider and approve Bid Waiver Request for hot-mix asphalt purchased from William A. Laydon Construction in the amount of \$13,759.05 – Public Works

- 3h. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,125 from Services 05314-E2018, Acct. #369 to Communications Equipment 05314-E2018, Acct. #397 – Electric Div.
- 3i. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$11,000 from Admin & General-Salaries, Acct. #920 to Admin & General-Maint. of General Plant, Acct. #932 – Electric Div.
- 3j. Acceptance of Donation from the Hometown Foundation, Inc. and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$750 to Revenue Donations – Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations –Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Dept.
- 3k. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,660 –Engineering

\$180	From Continued Education & Training	Acct. #10030050 55700
\$260	From: Contractual Clothing	Acct. #10030050 56190
\$ 79	From: Software Support	Acct. #10030050 56718
\$ 31	From: Maint. of Equipment	Acct. #10030050 54325
\$500	From: Overtime	Acct. #10030050 51400
\$200	From: Maint. of Vehicles	Acct. #10030050 54320
\$410	From: Dues & Fees	Acct. #10030050 58810
\$1,660 To: Professional Svcs.-Engineering		Acct. #10030050-56730
- 3l. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,700 from Regular Salaries and Wages, Acct. #10010650-51000 to PS Index, Acct. #10010650-56758 – Town Clerk
- 3m. Approval of Town Council Minutes of May 25, 2021.

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

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

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, inquired about funding from the state and asked how the town is spending the money. The Mayor indicated we follow exactly what the treasury rules are. He went on to say we are waiting for more detailed information on what we could spend the money on and we will continue our efforts to analyze.

6. Consider and Act on the following Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE, AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$2.0 MILLION TOWN OF WALLINGFORD GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, AUTHORIZING COMBINING INTO ONE ISSUE AND MAKING DETERMINATIONS WITH THE REFUNDING BONDS ANY OTHER AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS OF THE TOWN, AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF REFUNDING ESCROW AND ITS REINVESTMENT OVER ITS TERM.

FIRST PERSON VERSION

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD HELD June 22, 2021

Councilor Laffin moved and Councilor Zandri seconded a motion to read the title of the proposed resolution and to waive the reading of the remainder of the resolution, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting.

**ALL AYE
MOTION PASSED**

Chairman Cervoni read the title of the Resolution:

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Councilor Laffin moved and Councilor Zandri seconded a motion that the proposed refunding bond resolution be adopted

Council Discussion

Councilor Fishbein asked why we need to do this. Chairman Cervoni stated we are refinancing these bonds to take advantage of a lower interest rate. Councilor Fishbein inquired about the interest rate and Mr. Senna explained we would save \$150,000 in interest by doing this refunding. Councilor Fishbein asked if there will be a longer term. Mr. Senna replied no, just swapping rates.

There was further discussion between Councilor Fishbein and Mr. Fasi regarding the language in the Resolution.

Councilor Testa feels there is no reason to question the language in the Resolution.

There were no comments from the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FISHBEIN: YES

LAFFIN: YES

MARRONE: YES

MORGENSTEIN: YES

9-AYE

MOTION: PASSED

SHORTELL: YES

TATTA: YES

TESTA: YES

ZANDRI: YES

CERVONI: YES

The Resolution was adopted.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding arbitration award for WEMLU, Local 2019, NEPSEU, Case No. 2020-MBA-304 effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 – Human Resources

In Attendance: Dennis Ciccarillo, Labor Attorney

Attorney Ciccarillo reviewed the proposed three year contract including wages and insurance. He stated this is a final award by the state and recommended there be no motion to reject this.

There were no comments from the public.

There was no action taken by the Council.

8. Discussion and possible action on an Agreement with GotSPACE LLC for the development of Data Centers - EDC

In Attendance: Attorney Len Fasano

Mr. Quinn, Representative of GotSPACE LLC

Jim Rossman, Engineer

Mr. Mirra asked Mr. Ryan to present the letter sent to the Town Council by EDC.

Mr. Ryan reviewed a letter sent to Town Council by the EDC supporting the Municipal Host Agreement and this project. He indicated there was a special meeting held by the EDC wherein there was a unanimous vote to move this project forward. He wanted to make it clear that it's not all about the money it's about developing projects responsibly.

Attorney Fasano gave an update from the last meeting with respect to the location of buildings being too close to residents particularly along Tankwood, concerns of roadways subject to land use provisions and also noise being an issue. He stated they completely removed North Farms Road and Tankwood as a main access to that site. The main entrance will be off of the industrial road. He indicated they pushed buildings further back along Tankwood. He then spoke about noise and noted they changed the language in the Hosting Agreement regarding corrective work.

Mr. Rossman and Attorney Fasano presented a map showing setbacks.

Attorney Fasasno stated that Mary Mushinsky wrote a letter indicating she did not want these generators to create energy to be sold. Attorney Fasano said they have no plans to sell energy and noted it cannot be done.

Attorney Small stated they have revised the Agreement, clarified some language and revised the sound section. She confirmed the town does not let our customers sell power.

Attorney Farrell also confirmed we do not allow our customers to sell power.

The Mayor asked the Law Department to confirm that our recommendation is to reduce the number of properties at issue and the contract as it stands includes a multitude of properties. Attorney Small and Attorney Farrell both confirmed this is correct.

Councilor Zandri extended his appreciation to everyone who is involved. He then questioned how tall these buildings will be and he wanted to confirm the size of Building 3. Attorney Fasano answered 45 feet. Mr. Quinn indicated Building 3 is a proposed two story building and building 1 a one story. He stated these are not hard numbers. It is conceptual at this point. He went on to state buildings 3, 4 and 5 could be condensed to one building.

Councilor Zandri wanted to confirm, if topography allows, the plan is to set the buildings back if permissible to do so. Mr. Quinn replied absolutely and went on to state they might be able to combine these buildings. Mr. Quinn said they will work with Planning.

Councilor Zandri asked if the coolers and chillers are electric or water induced. Mr. Quinn stated there is a lot of information to answer that question and went on to explain data centers in the South use water and in Minnesota, a cool climate, they didn't use chillers for 115 days and instead they used replacement air which was a great savings. He stated we will use all of the economizers necessary because we save money.

Mr. Quinn stated we agreed to use tier 2 generators as backup and tier 4 for peak shaving.

Councilor Zandri inquired about the type of water service. Mr. Quinn explained they will not be using water cooling systems whatsoever in these buildings and noted these are air-cooled buildings.

Councilor Zandri spoke of electric concerns and light pollution. He asked if angle downs would be used for flood lighting. Mr. Quinn confirmed the only lighting on the building ever turned on would be for an emergency and noted buildings are not lit up at night.

Councilor Zandri would like a better understanding of the continuous sound. He indicated he walked around and determined the existing sound is 30-39 decibels. Mr. Rossman explained nobody could provide that specific number. A sound study needs to be done of the existing background noise.

Councilor Testa questioned the original and the red-line material received from Attorney Small. Attorney Small stated the red-line shows what's been changed since last meeting. He inquired about the list of properties that was supposed to be attached to Attorney Small's memo and what

properties are being endorsed. Attorney Small indicated the Mayor is endorsing Wallingford 1-Northrop project, Wallingford 3 – North Farms/Tankwood project but not #2.

Councilor Testa asked if there is any reason why we cannot limit development. Attorney Fasano said we would have to go to Zoning and stated these are conceptual only.

Councilor Testa asked if P&Z could deny a permit for this and Attorney Fasano answered yes.

Councilor Testa referred to Defaults & Remedies Section 6 of the Agreement. He asked if things don't go the way we like it done, is the remedy that we could terminate the Agreement within 60 days.

Councilor Testa is concerned about loud generators and the hum of air conditioners and chillers. He asked where the equipment will be located that generates the constant sound and how will it be sound proofed. Mr. Rossman stated the mechanicals are placed on the opposite side of the building from any residential use and went on to say additional baffling, mufflers and landscaping is used to reduce sound.

Attorney Fasano reviewed the list of properties.

Councilor Morgenstein stated her questions have been answered. She requested that the Electric Division be there tonight and stated she appreciates Mr. Hendershot coming.

Councilor Morgenstein asked Mr. Hendershot about the additional infrastructure and if there is any truth to developers doing their work will help the town in the long run. Mr. Hendershot said that is unknown at this time. He explained his understanding of this.

Councilor Morgenstein asked Mr. Hendershot if he agrees with the \$2.1 million. He said he neither agrees nor disagrees with it but it does not sound outlandish.

Councilor Morgenstein asked Mr. Hendershot if he sees any difference in residential rates and if there is a chance the rates could improve or worsen. Mr. Hendershot stated it will not worsen and may improve.

The Mayor stated one rate is not meant to subsidize other rates. The rate making process is cost based.

Councilor Morgenstein brought up safety and capacity concerns.

Councilor Morgenstein asked Attorney Small to comment on 3f of the redline Agreement language that was removed. Attorney Farrell said that was to make it clear that only Wallingford can sell electricity.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE HOST AGREEMENT WITH GOTSPACE LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS AS PRESENTED.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: TATTA

Councilor Laffin inquired about Buildings 6 and 7 and indicated that's a large wooded space and no building there. Mr. Rossman stated there are some topographic challenges there which include sharp ravines and a collection of water represented by wetlands.

Council Laffin asked if they would consider planting lots of trees at Building 3. Mr. Rossman answered yes.

Councilor Laffin and Mr. Quinn talked about phasing.

Councilor Tatta stated residents are concerned about zoning, quality of life and farms in an IX district. She wants to make sure this is a good fit for Wallingford and the neighbors. She feels a lot of other uses that could come here could be much worse and this is the best possibility for everyone involved.

Chairman Cervoni stated Planning and Zoning has to change its regulations to allow the data centers to be built in the district.

Councilor Fishbein does not want to look at the money he wants to look at the neighborhood and the people. He indicated the motion on the table tonight is not supported by EDC and is not supported by the Mayor. He feels this is being done backwards and that it should go to P&Z first. He stated he cannot support the motion before us.

Councilor Laffin wanted to reiterate this is a baseline motion to be amended as the Council sees fit.

Jessica Polansky, 1039 North Farms Road, stated she is very upset and talked about plans and background noise. She feels this is not neighbor friendly and does not want her quality of life intruded upon.

Stephanie Massimino, 1043 North Farms Road, inquired about the thought process behind new plans and two power stations. Attorney Fasano stated it's conceptual only and at P&Z is where the conversation is appropriate.

There was discussion about power stations (inaudible).

Ms. Massimino asked why 350 feet at Tankwood and 300 feet at North Farms. Mr. Rossman presented and discussed maps. Attorney Fasano stated the numbers they came up with are not cast in stone.

Ms. Massimino discussed power stations and health concerns. Mr. Quinn indicated these are substations and are going to be centralized. He went on to state these sub stations are a long paper trail away.

Ms. Massimino inquired about the amount of staff. Mr. Quinn explained the average in the industry is approximately 85 per building.

Ms. Massimino asked why these buildings can't be pushed back. Mr. Quinn stated the land is wet so we can only go back so far and noted they can't do anything without the Agreement.

Ms. Massimino asked if they have considered that property values will go down.

Ms. Massimino asked what impact this will have on wells. Mr. Quinn replied zero. Mr. Rossman explained this campus will be connected to public sewers and water supply and said there will be no impact to wells.

Mr. Keith Massimino, Calvin Road, is concerned about added costs over the years.

There was discussion with Mr. Rossman and Attorney Fasano regarding maintenance and upkeep fees.

Mr. Massimino stated he is against this.

Chairman Cervoni asked Mr. Hendershot if he had anything to add about bearing the cost of maintaining the infrastructure that goes along with the system upgrades. Mr. Hendershot stated the development of that cost has just begun and went on to say they will propose fees that they feel are more than adequate to cover the costs should this be developed.

Charlotte Stoppa, 1038 North Farms Road, asked if the current IX industrial zone will trigger a revision of land use if this gets approved. Attorney Small stated yes and indicated P&Z will have the opportunity to set parameters.

Tony Hayes, North Farms Road, thanked the Council for taking his comments and thanked Councilor Zandri who came out to visit his home. He indicated sound is not just a decibel it's a frequency and it's a tone. He asked Mr. Rossman if the applicant in its presentation to the Zoning Board is going to come back with a study with low frequency sound and the effect it has on people. Mr. Rossman answered yes and stated it's a complex model that includes frequency, sound and the background environment in which that sound is taking place.

Mr. Hayes talked about studies that have been done on the effects of low intensity sound and the effect this has on the human condition.

Mr. Hayes asked Attorney Small if there is anything written in the contract related to the health of individuals. Attorney Small replied the issue of low frequency sound and tone is part of that analysis and stated our consultant will give us advice. Mr. Hayes urges the Council to proceed with caution.

Scott Gray, 14 Oxford Trail, thanked the Chairman for allowing the public to comment freely. He asked if this proposal ensures that the user will pay full market price for the electricity that they pull off the grid. Attorney Farrell explained they will have to pay the full price and there is no

chance Wallingford will get stuck with the bill. He went on to state the Law Department's job is to attempt to protect the town from incurring any liability.

Mr. Gray inquired about sites and mapping. There was discussion with Attorney Fasano. Mr. Gray feels this meeting is focused on one property and they are not getting information on the other properties.

Mr. Gray asked what the town's definable decibel limit is. Attorney Small said the noise ordinance states 61 during the day and 51 at night but they added a sound protocol to the Agreement.

Mr. Gray asked if the properties on the Meriden/Wallingford line know this is going on. Attorney Fasano stated if we get to the P&Z aspect of it a lot more people will be notified.

Mr. Gray asked of any examples of decibel limits that have been exceeded and action taken. Attorney small spoke of Oakdale and Thurston Foods.

Mr. Gray agrees with Councilor Fishbein and he feels we are doing this backwards. Attorney Fasano explained to do the land work, if you don't have a hosting agreement, you can't get people to the table.

Mr. Gray feels data centers should not be near people they should be in unpopulated areas. He would like to see the town deny this.

Adelheid Koepfer, Whiffle Tree Road, is concerned about water and wells being affected and conserving farming and forest lands.

Ms. Koepfer feels peak shaving with diesel generators is not a good thing and asked if they have considered using battery storage. She asked the Town Council to consider adding language regarding battery storage for peak shaving to the agreement. Mr. Quinn stated the generators are tier 4 generators, the latest in technology and best available anywhere in the market.

There was further discussion with Mr. Quinn and Ms. Koepfer.

Danielle Conway, 78 Tankwood Road, feels the environmental impact study should be considered and indicated she is concerned about wells, septic and noise. She went on to state she is more concerned about the construction phase than the actual use of the building going forward. She feels development will disrupt wildlife and could cause significant displacement. She then spoke about long term human impact and asked Attorney small if the town has considered a proper environmental impact study. Ms. Conway asked the Council to not vote on this motion tonight.

Mr. Kohan feels they are superseding the authority of P&Z. He went on to state the Host Agreement should be amended and he agrees with Councilor Fishbein.

Attorney Small explained they are not taking any power away from P&Z and this is an added protection that the town has put in this Agreement. If it's not going to work that's the developer's risk.

Evgenia Mays, Tankwood Road, inquired about sound and asked if the new noise standard will be based off the current ambient level. Attorney Small indicated the analysis will determine what would be an acceptable level and the town's consultant will tell us what we need.

Ms. Mays asked what would happen if Town Council approves the Agreement and after studies are done only a small portion of land can be used. Attorney Fasano replied the town could change the zone back to industrial.

Kathleen Palmer, 18 Tankwood Road, feels the town is rushing into this and her property value is going to decline. She is concerned about her well water and went on to state she is unclear on what the Council is approving.

Mr. Fasano explained the Agreement makes it clear that if they build three buildings each building must meet the sound requirements and all three collectively must meet the sound requirement.

Ms. Palmer asked if there will be a fence around the property. Attorney Fasano said there will be no chain link fencing facing residential neighborhoods and that is in the Agreement.

Ms. Palmer asked if there a reason why we are not looking into other companies. Chairman Cervoni indicated no other developer has approached us.

Ms. Palmer asked what happens if this is not successful and another business takes over. Attorney Small explained the Agreement provides for an assignment.

Kelly Watrous, 183 Pinehurst Drive, questioned if someone from the town would be doing the sound testing or someone from Gotspace. Attorney Small replied we will have our consultant.

Ms. Watrous asked if there are any other data centers in Connecticut that are next to residential areas. Mr. Quinn answered yes, one in Norwalk and a couple other towns. She asked if residents have issues with noise. Mr. Quinn stated he has not done that research but has no knowledge of a complaint.

Ms. Watrous asked if there could be an environmental study to be added to the Agreement. Attorney Fasano replied P&Z could ask for that.

Ms. Watrous stated she would like Councilors to postpone making a decision on this tonight and she feels this is really about the money.

Carol Borsari, Wallingford Land Trust, is a concerned citizen and her main concern is the noise level. She inquired about the typical external level of noise from any data center. Mr. Rossman replied it is very site dependent. Ms. Borsari feels the Council should take their time and be cautious on this vote.

Chris and Elaine Robedee, 74 Brooklawn Drive, Meriden, indicated most of the people on his street don't know what's going on because the information didn't get over to the Meriden development. He inquired about sound measurement and testing and feels regular intervals of testing would make sense.

Elaine Robedee, 74 Brooklawn Drive, Meriden, appreciates the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. She feels the process should be slowed down and asked if the Host Agreement is approved how long before building begins. Mr. Quinn stated we would proceed as quickly as possible and stated six to nine months is something we could look forward to.

Attorney Fasano explained the Hosting Agreement is not the place to get answers. He indicated P&Z is where that happens.

Ms. Wolfe, Oxford Trail, said she just learned about this. She asked why the Mayor and EDC do not endorse site 2, why Site 2 is still on the table and what that means. Attorney Small explained that's the recommendation from the Mayor and EDC to the Council and the Council can agree or disagree with that. The Mayor noted taking all sites in at one time is more than they need to take on and the location of Site 2 is a concern.

Ed Bradley, 2 Hampton Trail, asked if the Ringrose property is landlocked. Mr. Rossman answered no and stated there is access from Rte. 68. He then talked about decibel measurement. He wants to confirm that Gotspace is not on any PUC meeting and wants to make sure we don't get into a situation like we did with Bristol Myers.

Councilor Testa inquired about liquid cooling to keep data centers quiet. Mr. Quinn stated he follows liquid cooling, it's a longtime down the road and it's just being tested.

Councilor Fishbein said he appreciates the diagram from the applicant's worst case scenario. He then remarked what happens to residents in the worst case scenario. He said the Mayor makes that decision and has to be part of that initiative. He went on to state this Agreement is between the town and Gotspace and he feels that is a concern.

Councilor Tatta asked if this was the only parcel they were going to give to the town for open space. Mr. Quinn replied no.

MOTION WAS MADE FOR THE REMOVAL OF SITE 2 FROM THE AGREEMENT.

**MADE BY: MORGENSTEIN
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	TATTA: NO
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
MARRONE: NO	ZANDRI: YES
MORGANSTEIN: YES	CERVONI: YES
7 – AYE	
2-NAY	
MOTION: PASSED	

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE HOST AGREEMENT WITH GOTSPACE LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATA CENTERS AS AMENDED

**MADE BY: MORGENSTEIN
SECONDED BY: LAFFIN**

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: NO
FISHBEIN: NO	TATTA: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
MARRONE: NO	ZANDRI: NO
MORGANSTEIN: YES	CERVONI: YES
5 – AYE	
4-NAY	
MOTION: PASSED	

9. Report and Discussion on the current status of the Wallingford Animal Control Department and facility – Councilors Zandri, Testa & Morgenstein

*In Attendance: Deputy Chief Ventura
Lieutenant Sacharko*

The Mayor stated the Police Department is in charge of the oversight of the Animal Control Department.

Deputy Chief Ventura presented a summary of the issues that arose. He stated issues that came about were able to be fixed and the animals were always taken care of. He went on to say they replaced the washer and dryer, Public Works is fixing windows and the air conditioning has been contracted through a service to be repaired.

Councilor Zandri spoke of staffing issues that he wanted to open up for discussion, a trust fund for the dog pound and additional donations that got added to that.

The Mayor stated they will use that trust to purchase a van. Councilor Zandri asked why we didn't budget for the vehicle. The Mayor indicated there is no need for that to affect taxes.

The Mayor indicated there are candidates for the Director's position and interviews will take place in the next day or so.

Lt. Sacharko spoke about the Director's position which is vacant right now, one full-time and one part-timer on her way out and one conditional offer for a second part-time position.

Councilor Zandri inquired about the part-time position. He asked if there is any consideration about adjusting the rate of pay to try to entice people to apply. The Mayor said we will be assessing all aspects of this.

Councilor Testa commented on the pay for the part-timers and he encourages the Administration to make this slightly more acceptable. He talked about the language of the fund and stated the language is in there for improvements. He asked why air conditioning has not been installed. The Mayor stated to his knowledge there has never been air conditioning and noted Public Works has to work on that. Councilor Testa asked if it has ever been requested and refused. The Mayor indicated there has never been a bid put out for air conditioning to his knowledge. Councilor Testa asked if we can have it installed. The Mayor said he will talk to the new Director. Councilor Testa inquired about cat housing and asked if the money can be used for that. The Mayor replied yes.

Jacqueline Richo inquired about the purchasing process to purchase items for the shelter. She remarked it's not a pound it's a shelter and feels we need to change our thought process. She indicated she raised \$3,500 for a washer and the order was cancelled.

They Mayor said there has been no contact through his office at all regarding a need for improvement.

Ms. Richo asked who prepared the budget for the shelter. Chairman Cervoni stated the budget was presented to the Council by the Police Chief.

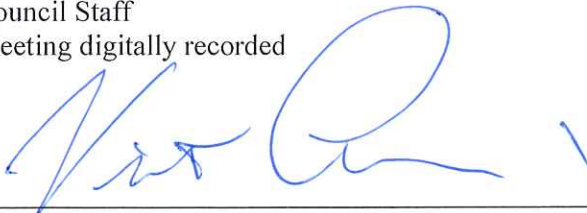
Riley O'Connell, 30 Northford Road, feels it's not the public's responsibility to contact the Mayor.

- 10. 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 - *Withdrawn*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

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