

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:30 p.m.

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Note: These are summary minutes; a tape recording of this meeting is on file in Commission Secretary's Office in Wolcott Town Hall.

Chairman Santogatta called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Michael Santogatta, Vice-Chairman Steven Olmstead, Michael Bokon, David Valletta, Michael Perrone, Randy Petroniro Sr., Francis Masi, Charles Marsella

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gale Mastrofrancesco

ALSO PRESENT: Linda Bruce, Municipal Finance Officer; Kathy Giotsas; Library Director; Taxpayers: WALC Representatives; DeAnna Morelli; Tom Centinaro; Amber Caron; et al.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

▪ Regular Meeting – October 5, 2010

Upon **MOTION** by Francis Masi, seconded by Michael Perrone, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 5, 2010.

TAXPAYERS' TIME: (Limited to Items on the Agenda)

No taxpayers came forward.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

- 1.** Resolution: Connecticut State Library – Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA Grant)
- 2.** Letter dated October 11th from Kathy Giotsas, Library Director, regarding the proposed resolution for the Library Needs Assessment Grant (Grant Application attached)
- 3.** Letter dated October 6th sent to various agencies and town departments regarding the Acceptance of Margaret Terrace as Town Road
- 4.** Letter dated October 12th from Ron Cordeau, Acquired Facilities Commission Chairman inquiring if their request for transfer could be revisited by the Council

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5. Letters dated October 12th sent to all members of the Charter Revision Commission thanking them for their service
6. Notice dated October 14th to the Town Clerk advising that the Town Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd has been cancelled due to Election Day
7. Board of Education Year to Date Budget Report dated 09-30-10
8. Town of Wolcott Expenditure Report, Revenue Report, & Trial Balance, for month ending 09-30-10

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dunn was not present.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT/TRANSFERS:

Linda Bruce came forward and reported the following:

- Blum, Shapiro will be finalizing the draft audit report within the week; the next step would be to compile the Management Discussion & Analysis; the format will be provided by Blum, Shapiro;
- Finance Office personnel continue to work on implementing the new purchase requisition system;
- Bids were opened on October 12th for the Public Works Garage Improvements which will be funded by a grant that has been received through OPM's Energy Management Unit; they are in the process of scheduling meetings with prospective contractors;
- Bids were opened on October 15th for repair and maintenance of the Town's emergency generators; there are currently nine locations; they are currently evaluating the six proposals received;
- The electricity bid was postponed; in discussing the process with the Mayor, they decided to revise the bid specifications; a rebid with revised specifications will be posted in the near future in the newspaper and on the State of CT procurement site;

A brief question and answer period followed regarding some of the above items, during which Mrs. Bruce advised that the electricity bids needed additional refinement; all of the companies that had requested specifications were notified that it was canceled and that they would be rebidding. She also noted that they are trying to schedule the audit presentation for the second meeting in November and that the surplus figure is not final, but will be between \$350,000 and \$370,000.

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SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

WALC: Mr. Masi reported that the Wolcott Activity & Learning Center will be holding their Grand Opening this Saturday; the ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m.; the public is welcome to attend.

Sub-Committee for the Review of Ordinances: Mr. Valletta reported that they are trying to schedule a time to meet to review the proposed blight ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution: Connecticut State Library – Library Services & Technology Act** (LSTA Grant)

Kathy Giotsas advised that this a \$1,500 grant to assess the need for information services for the Library. They need to match 25% of that which is \$375.00; they have these funds in another grant fund account.

A question and answer period followed, during which discussion transpired regarding the leaks and the drainage problems at the Library. Ms. Giotsas clarified the issues, and noted that the refurbishing of the exterior has been completed and they did a wonderful job; she added that this needs to be done every five years. Ms. Giotsas also advised that the matching funds that they need to come up with will not come out of the Library budget; they are in another fund that the Library receives annually from the State of CT that they have to spend on the Library.

Upon **MOTION**, by Steven Olmstead, seconded by Francis Masi, it was unanimously voted to **adopt** the following resolution; CERTIFIED RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES; RESOLVED, that THOMAS G. DUNN, the duly elected MAYOR is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this organization a certain contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for an LSTA grant in the category NEEDS ASSESSMENT (**see attached**).

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

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Chairman Santogatta advised to contact himself or the Clerk if anyone has any items.

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

The following individuals came forward representing the Wolcott Activity & Learning Center (WALC).

- 1. DeAnna Morelli, of 17 Jacqueline Drive**
- 2. Tom Centinaro, of 7 Frisbie Circle**
- 3. Amber Caron, of 17 Lancewood Lane**

Mrs. Morelli proceeded to give an update of the progress of the WALC. She advised that they are pretty much finished with the building; everything went smoothly and they came in under budget. She noted that Chesprocott still needs to inspect the kitchen. She next extended an invitation to the Council and to the public to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and Grand Opening this Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Caron next stated that the Youth Center will offer social, recreational, and educational programming and proceeded to describe many of the programs and events that they have planned. She noted that they are also looking for ideas from students.

Mr. Centinaro advised that they are looking for support from the Town and the Town Council. They would like people to get involved; it is going to be a great program for the kids.

Several Councilmen raised their hands. Chairman Santogatta advised that normally they don't ask questions of taxpayers when they come forward, however, he will suspend the rules if no one objects; no one objected.

Mr. Masi asked them to let the Council know how many years this project has been in the making, at which time Mrs. Morelli advised that this project has been in the making for seven years.

Mr. Bokon, Mr. Petroniro, and Chairman Santogatta thanked them for all of their years of hard work and effort.

Chairman Santogatta stated that something that would affect their operations is referendum Question 1 on Election Day. The Town Council and the Mayor recommended that the Town purchase the property that abuts Frisbie School, and have sent that question to the people for their determination. It's a \$200,000 purchase of which \$50,000 would come right out of their Open Space Grant that they already have on hand; they anticipate that this wouldn't affect taxes,

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because they have surpluses. Discussion next ensued as to location of the property; Mr. Centinaro and Mrs. Morelli commented that they were misinformed and thought the property in question was on the corner of Woodtick & Todd Roads, not on the other side. Mr. Centinaro stated that they need to get the word out. Chairman Santogatta stated that the empty lot would give them a lot of parking for Frisbie School, would help the Youth Center for some of their functions, as well as overflow from the Senior Center. Chairman Santogatta advised that he was invited to attend the PTA meeting Thursday night who will be developing signs and informational materials for the referendum question.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Santogatta advised that an Executive Session was scheduled for a Contract Negotiation Update, however, there is nothing to report this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION**, Francis Masi, seconded by Michael Perrone, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi, Secretary
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Michael J. Santogatta, Chairman
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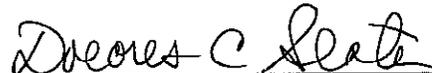
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**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
FOR MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES**

I, **DOLORES C. SLATER, TOWN CLERK** do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of the **TOWN OF WOLCOTT** duly held and convened on **October 19, 2010**, at which a constituted quorum of the Town Council was present and acting throughout and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, that **THOMAS G. DUNN**, the duly elected **MAYOR** is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this organization a certain contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for an LSTA grant in the category **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned has affixed his/her signature and the corporate seal of the town this 20th Day of October, 2010.



Dolores C. Slater, Town Clerk

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