

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

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

Chairman Valletta called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Mr. Pape requested if everyone could stand and also requested a moment of silence in memory of Jim Dolan who passed away over the weekend. He stated that other than being his best friend, Jim was very active for over 40 years with the Lion's Club and was a member of the Civilian Police Review Board.

Attendance was taken next.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Valletta, Vice-Chairman Gale Lanza Mastrofrancesco, James Pape, Roger Picard, Jeffrey Slavin, Charles Marsella, Donald Charette and Francis Masi

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rachel Wisler

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas G. Dunn; Linda Bruce, Municipal Finance Officer; Brian Tynan, Town Attorney; Ambulance Chief Bill Barratt; Deputy Ambulance Chief Matt Howard; Police Captain Domenic Angiolillo; Police Officer Frank Thielman; Police Dispatcher Bettie Roy; Fire Chief Kyle Dunn; Dispatcher Val Graziano (with Champion Ambulance); Paramedic Capt. Mark Franzese; Advanced EMT Steve Savage; Assistant Ambulance Chief Jay Skerritt; Paramedic Capt. Rob McDonald; EMT Lt. Nick Ortelle; Mr. Darryl Bowerman; et al.

RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL:

At this time, Ambulance Chief Bill Barratt and Police Captain Domenic Angiolillo came forward. Mr. Barratt stated that he has brought everyone together here this evening to reunite Mr. Darryl Bowerman with all of the first responders who were involved in the incident that happened. Mr. Barratt next proceeded to give a detailed account of the timeline of events that transpired on August 26, 2012 (**see attached**).

When Mr. Barratt's presentation was concluded, he asked Mr. Bowerman if he would like to come forward and say anything. Mr. Bowerman stated that he would be honored, at which time he came forward and expressed his sincere gratitude to all of the first responders who came to his aid. He also expressed that the Mayor, the Town Council, and all of the people who live in town should be extremely proud of these individuals who are dedicated professionals.

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Mr. Bowerman next read the following aloud which was inscribed on the awards:

'In recognition of your exemplary teamwork and dedication to the highest standards of patient care on August 26, 2012'

Mr. Bowerman next called the following individuals forward to receive their award:

1. Police Dispatcher Bettie Roy
2. Dispatcher Val Graziano (with Campion Ambulance)
3. Police Officer Frank Thielman
4. Paramedic Captain Mark Franzese
5. Advanced EMT Steve Savage
6. Paramedic Captain Rob McDonald
7. EMT Lt. Nick Ortelle
8. Assistant Ambulance Chief Jay Skerritt
9. Fire Chief Kyle Dunn

Mr. Barratt thanked the Council for allowing them to do this tonight with such late notice. Chairman Valletta also thanked everyone for being here this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting – September 18, 2012

Upon **MOTION** by Roger Picard, seconded by Francis Masi, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2012.

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

No taxpayers came forward.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

1. Letter dated September 26th from Town Attorney Brian Tynan regarding Financing Documents for Police Cars and Medical Equipment
2. Proposed Lease/Purchase Agreement for Police Vehicles and Emergency Medical Equipment with Commerce Bank
3. Submitted by Mayor Dunn at meeting, Proposed Resolutions for Cedar Lake and the Lion's Pond

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dunn came forward and reported the following with regard to the bonded projects:

- The road reconstruction project continues; they have accomplished more than expected, almost 6 miles of road; they are also ahead on the drainage for next year
- Waterline on Woodtick Road went well
- The school projects are nearing completion
- They awarded the survey bid for the Walking Trail today

Mayor Dunn also reported that the Farmingbury Women's Club held a ceremony on the Town Green yesterday for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

A brief question and answer period followed. With respect to the status of the waterline for the high school, Mayor Dunn advised that the waterline is being handled by the Sewer & Water Commission. Hopefully, they'll be able to get that going next year; it is a very big project. Mayor Dunn next requested if the Council can add the resolutions to the agenda that he submitted this evening.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT/TRANSFERS:

Linda Bruce came forward and reported the following:

- They will be going out for additional bond anticipation notes; they have supplied First Southwest with updated financial and statistical information about the town for the upcoming note bid opening on October 17th
- The bid opening for this note will probably be an additional \$2,500,000.00 over the \$7,280,000.00 that they did a year ago in October of 2011
- This will leave approximately \$2,500,000.00 against the \$12,325,000.00 approved by the project authorization; that balance will be a part of a note sale in October of 2013
- They have to look at certain regulations to avoid arbitrage ramifications; there must be a reasonable expectation to spend 5% within the first six months after issuance; the Town has already exceeded that amount; also, 85% must be spent within three years; they will also not have a problem with that
- At this time, they have to look at a twelve month cash flow for the projects; that's why they will be going out for an additional \$2.5 million so that they don't have to call a halt to the road project in the spring
- There are no transfers for approval this evening

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SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF ORDINANCES: Mr. Charette reported that they met last night; they have four issues that will be under review.

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE WALKING TRAIL: Mr. Charette stated that as the Mayor previously reported, the bid for surveying has been awarded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion & Possible Action on Lease/Purchase Agreement for Police Vehicles and Emergency Medical Equipment with Commerce Bank

A **MOTION** was offered by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Jeffrey Slavin, to **approve** the Lease/Purchase Agreement for Police Vehicles and Emergency Medical Equipment with Commerce Bank (**on file**).

Chairman Valletta inquired how much more the vehicles are now than compared to the last cycle, at which time Mrs. Bruce stated that the prices are very good; they are in line with what they have seen over the last few years.

Chairman Valletta called for a vote on the above motion which **carried** unanimously by voice vote.

A **MOTION** was offered by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Roger Picard, to **add** to the agenda 'Resolutions for Water Protection for Cedar Lake and the Lion's Club Pond'.

Mayor Dunn apologized for submitting the resolutions last minute, however, he just found out earlier in the evening that they are required to adopt new resolutions on these projects because it has been over a year. Resolutions were previously adopted for these projects and they are partially complete. The State is requiring additional resolutions for the construction parts of the projects. There are two resolutions that contain the same language for both projects. They basically state that the Council authorizes him to sign into contracts for monies that were previously approved by the Council for these projects.

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2. Resolutions for Water Protection for Cedar Lake and the Lion's Club Pond

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Roger Picard, it was unanimously voted to **adopt** the following resolution for both Cedar Lake and the Lion's Pond (2 resolutions; same text for each water body): Certified Resolution; Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Wolcott to enter into contracts with the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection. In furtherance of this resolution, Thomas G. Dunn, holds the office of Mayor since November 2003 and will hold the office until November 2013, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town Of Wolcott. Mayor is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto. The Town Clerk is authorized to impress the seal of the Town Of Wolcott on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision (**see attached**).

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairman Valletta advised that if anyone has any items to please contact himself or the Secretary.

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

No taxpayers came forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Roger Picard, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi, Secretary
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

David Valletta, Chairman
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Good evening, Mr. Chairman, Madam Vice Chair, ladies and gentleman of the council, madam secretary, Mayor Dunn, Captain Angiolillo of the Wolcott Police Department (who is here with us tonight representing Chief Stephens who could not attend), Officer Frank Thielman, Wolcott Police Dispatcher Betty Roy, Dispatcher Val Graziano (of Campion Ambulance), Fire Chief Dunn and my fellow members of the ambulance – thank-you for allowing us to come before you tonight to share a very special series of events that took place recently in town. I would like to introduce to all of you a very special guest who I am honored to say is with us tonight – Mr. Darryl Bowerman. Also, I owe a special thank-you to Mr. Chairman for accommodating this request with very late notice; we sincerely appreciate that, thank-you.

This story begins some 37 days ago, when on a Sunday afternoon at approximately ten minutes to 1, when Mr. Bowerman developed severe chest pains while traveling through our town. The pains were so severe; Mr. Bowerman requested that his son, with whom he was traveling, pull over into the parking lot of Pat's IGA while Mr. Bowerman himself called 911 in need of an ambulance.

Wolcott Police dispatcher Betty Roy received the 911 call at 12:47pm, on the other end of the phone was Mr. Bowerman stating that he was having severe chest pains while parked at Pat's IGA. Dispatcher Roy quickly connected Mr. Bowerman to Campion Ambulance dispatch while she simultaneously dispatched Police Officer Frank Thielman to respond to a medical emergency at Pat's for a party having chest pain and difficulty breathing in the parking lot. Campion Ambulance dispatch is our designated Emergency Medical Dispatch for the purpose of giving pre-arrival medical instructions; it was at this point that Val Graziano of Campion's took over the 911 call and began speaking to Mr. Bowerman.

As luck would have it; Wolcott's primary ambulance was transporting a patient from an earlier 911 call to Bristol Hospital when Mr. Bowerman called. This is where, I believe, we had some "divine intervention" working for us on this Sunday afternoon because just a few days earlier Fr. Kevin Donovan of St. Pius Church called us to see if we could provide a stand-by ambulance for their annual church family picnic and by chance two of our veteran volunteers – Capt. Mark Franzese and Steve Savage agreed to cover the "stand-by". Steve Savage happened to be monitoring the police radio frequency and heard Dispatcher Roy send Officer Thielman, he and his partner Mark headed out towards Pat's meanwhile Dispatcher Graziano hit the tones for the back-up crew to respond to the aid of Mr. Bowerman. During the initial 4 minutes of the 911 call, Dispatcher Graziano stayed on the phone with Mr. Bowerman until he stopped speaking – essentially he had stopped breathing, which fortunately was 30 seconds prior to Officer Thielman's arrival.

Officer Thielman was the first responder on scene, followed almost immediately by the ambulance crew of Franzese and Savage. Mark headed directly to Mr. Bowerman's side to find Officer Thielman assessing the patient - who had no pulse and was not breathing. **Basically, Mr. Bowerman was deceased, no pulse, his heart had stopped literally seconds before the first responders arrived.** Mark Franzese confirmed that Mr. Bowerman was in cardiac arrest and with this he immediately began CPR – external chest compressions while Steve Savage set up the AED and oxygen. With Officer Thielman's assistance, Steve applied the AED pads and within 8 minutes of Mr. Bowerman's 911 call, the first of 2 shocks was administered. A second and final "shock" was delivered 3 minutes later.

During the initial 7 minutes of Officer Thielman's and the ambulance crew's arrival, other responders began to arrive. EMS Assistant Chief Jay Skerritt arrived as did Wolcott's Fire Chief Kyle Dunn who happened to be in the area and hearing the severity of the call on his radio, he arrived to offer his assistance. The primary Wolcott crew which was enroute from Bristol Hospital, included on duty Paramedic – Capt. Rob McDonald and his EMT partner Nick Ortelle. They arrived on scene at 12:58 hours, 10 minutes after the initial 911 call, was received. Having the automatic CPR machine (LUCAS) on board their unit, Rob and Nick quickly assisted Mark, Steve, Frank, Jay and Kyle and applied the LUCAS. After about 2 minutes of using the LUCAS and about 1 minute after the 2nd and final AED shock, Mark Franzese Advanced EMT and long time American Heart Association CPR Instructor as well as a State of CT certified EMS Instructor - felt for a pulse and felt what every responder always hopes to feel – a faint pulse, **Mr. Bowerman's heart had been "restarted"**.

Along with Advanced EMT's Franzese, Savage & Skerritt, EMT Ortelle and Paramedic McDonald secured Mr. Bowerman and the LUCAS onto the stretcher and quickly loaded him into the ambulance, with the assistance of Fire Chief Dunn – this was truly a "team effort".

Mr. Bowerman was transported by Wolcott Volunteer Ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital and has made a full recovery. The entire call from time of the 911 call received at Wolcott PD by Betty Roy to arrival at St. Mary's took only 25 minutes. 25 minutes none too soon for Mr. Bowerman. There are many individuals with us tonight, including the Mayor and several councilmember's that I know have witnessed such a tragic event, unfortunately a positive outcome such as this – doesn't always happen. All too often and too many times, patients in Mr. Bowerman's condition never make it to walk out of the hospital. As a matter of fact, the American Heart Association states that:

"Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) is a leading cause of death in the United States accounting for an estimated 295,000 occurrences of out-of hospital SCA per year, with only an 8 percent survival rate"

Tonight we are honored to have with us Mr. Bowerman (and his family) to join us in honoring these "Hometown Hero's". From the dispatchers to the first responders to the EMT's & medics, this truly is a success story. Everything possible was working in favor for Mr. Bowerman on that Sunday afternoon late August in the Town of Wolcott.

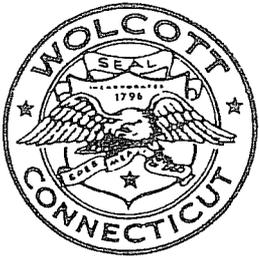
Tonight not only is significant because of the life that was saved, but because of our community. We as a team (all of us in this room tonight) could not have successfully saved this man's life without the excellent skills of the dispatchers, the police officers, the EMT's and the paramedics and also because of all of you – the support EMS receives within this community is second to none. All too often we take advantage of this venture which we like to call LIFE, and events such as this remind us how at any given time, any of us could be affected and stricken with such a serious illness. How very lucky we are, how fortunate and blessed that so many people care about each other – complete strangers one minute, life savers the next.

Many of you have witnessed these responders first hand and have seen the dedication and commitment they deliver day in day out, nights, weekends, holidays – no matter when it's needed, whether it's the

Police Department, our fire department or the ambulance – we always work as a team and this team you see before you tonight has done an amazing job. Words cannot describe how honored I am to be affiliated with you all. The countless hours of training, the dedication from fellow townspeople, our volunteers and the committed shown here really is simply tremendous. To our Mayor and the Council thank-you for your continued support of our mission, you allow us to serve our community with such excellence and I thank-you for that trust and support.

In April of 2010, the Town of Wolcott was recognized by the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health as a HEARTSafe Community – maybe you've noticed these signs posted around town - well folks, you have solidified that achievement. I commend all of you for a job well done, congratulations. There are very few moments in life that are as precious and gratifying as this.

If I could please have the assistance of our guest, Mr. Bowerman, Mayor Dunn, Captain Angiolillo and our Deputy Chief of the ambulance – Matt Howard, we have a very small token of our appreciation to each person directly involved with this tremendous cardiac arrest save.



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Certified Resolution

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the Town of Wolcott to enter into contracts with the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection.

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I, Dolores C. Slater, the Town Clerk of the Town of Wolcott, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the resolution duly adopted at the Town Council Meeting on **October 2, 2012**, and that it has not been rescinded, amended or altered in any way, and that it remains in full force and in effect.

Dolores C Slater

Dolores C. Slater, Town Clerk

10-3-2012

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