

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2013

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, and attendance was taken.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donald Charette Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas G. Dunn; Linda R. Bruce, Municipal Finance Officer; Town Attorney Brian Tynan; et al.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

▪ **Public Hearing – January 15, 2013**

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Roger Picard, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Public Hearing held on January 15, 2013 as amended {Page 6, Paragraph 3, line 2; insert the word 'be' between the words 'must' and 'billed'}.

▪ **Regular Meeting – January 15, 2013**

Upon **MOTION** by Jeffrey Slavin, seconded by James Pape, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 15, 2013.

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

No taxpayers came forward.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

1. **Proposed Resolution (#362) State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for Improvements to Tosun Road** (Letter from State of CT DOT and Proposed Agreement attached separately)
2. **Letter dated January 10th from Mayor Dunn regarding his recommendations for Planning & Zoning Commission appointments** (previously sent on 1-10-13)

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3. Information Regarding Agenda Item #3

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dunn came forward and reported the following:

- The Council of Governments sponsored a presentation on school safety and security which was well attended in Waterbury; also the Wolcott Police Department held a safety training exercise at the school
- He has appointed Ryan Bessette to the Economic Development Commission
- They continue to work on the proposed budget which will be submitted to the Council by April 1st; the Governor will be announcing the State budget tomorrow; it appears that Wolcott will not be getting an increase in ECS monies
- The chain up at the dead end at Stanley Street will be removed during snow plowing

A brief question and answer period followed.

- Regarding the status of the snow removal budget, Mayor Dunn advised that it has been okay so far, however, this Friday's snow storm prediction is that it could be the biggest one in years
- Regarding the vacancy on the Civilian Police Review Board, Mayor Dunn advised that he does not have a candidate at this time.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT/TRANSFERS:

Linda Bruce did not have a report this evening.

SUB-COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF AN ACCOUNTING FIRM: Mrs. Wisler reported that they met and unanimously approved having Blum, Shapiro do the audit for one more year.

CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD: Mrs. Wisler reported that the Board will hold their Organizational Meeting followed by a Regular Meeting this Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

WOLCOTT ACTIVITIES & LEARNING CENTER (WALC): Mr. Masi reported that Jane Doe No More and the professional team at East Coast Training

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Systems are proud to announce free self-defense training classes for women and girls ages 15 and over on Saturday, February 16th from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the WALC, 48 Todd Road.

PENSION COMMITTEE: Mr. Marsella reported that the Committee met with Galvin Financial. They had approved some changes some time ago which have recently been put into effect. The biggest change was switching to Exchange-Traded Funds instead of Mutual Funds. The cost savings to the Town is about \$75,000 in management fees per year.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE: Vice-Chairman Mastrofrancesco reported that the Committee has met a few times with respect to the street department contract; negotiations are underway.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Appointments to the Planning & Zoning Commission as Recommended by the Mayor**

Upon **MOTION**, by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Jeffrey Slavin, it was unanimously voted to **approve the Mayor's recommendations** to appoint the following individuals as **regular members to the Planning & Zoning Commission**: Cathy Sherman-R, Chris Edquist-R, Michael Bokon-U, and also the following **alternate member**; Peter Carmody-U (**see attached**).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution: State of CT - Department of Transportation for Tosun Road Improvements**

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Roger Picard, it was unanimously voted to **adopt** the following resolution: Resolution #362; RESOLVED, that Thomas G. Dunn, Mayor, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled: FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL STEAP GRANT AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 27, 2007 BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO TOSUN ROAD (**see attached**).

2. **Appoint Auditing Firm for FY 2012-2013**

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Francis Masi, it was unanimously voted to **appoint** Blum, Shapiro & Co. as the auditing firm for FY 2012-2013.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action on Clean Energy Communities Program

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Francis Masi, it was unanimously voted to **authorize** the Mayor to sign the Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge which commits the Town of Wolcott to reduce municipal building energy consumption 20% from baseline levels and voluntarily purchase 20% of municipal building electricity use from renewable energy sources by 2018.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairman Valletta advised that if anyone has any items that they should contact himself or the Clerk.

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

1. **Rachel Wisler** submitted a handout to the Council announcing that Crossroads, along with C.A.S.A. are holding Wolcott's first 'Unity in Community Rally'. There will be a keynote presentation by Dr. Matt Cucolo and high school students. They are asking for leadership and support of the youth by attending the event and representing yourself or your organization. This will be held on March 21, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Wolcott High School Auditorium. Mrs. Wisler requested that this item be placed on the next Town Council agenda so that they can discuss and see if they can have representation at the event (**see attached**).
2. **Mayor Thomas Dunn** introduced high school student Ryan Doughty, who was seated in the audience, and advised that Ryan is interested in getting involved in town politics. He advised Ryan to attend some Town Council meetings so that he could get familiarized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon **MOTION** by Roger Picard, seconded by Charles Marsella, it was unanimously voted to take a five minute recess at 7:43 p.m. and **enter** into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel Matters inviting Town Attorney Brian Tynan.

Chairman Valletta called the regular session back to order at 8:26 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofranceso, seconded by James Pape, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi, Secretary
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

David Valletta, Chairman
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

THOMAS G. DUNN
MAYOR



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TOWN OF WOLCOTT

January 10, 2013

Wolcott Town Council
Dave Valletta, Chairman
10 Kenea Ave.
Wolcott, CT 06716

Re: Commission Appointments

Dear Mr. Valletta:

I would like to put forward the following names for expired terms on the Planning & Zoning Commission. These appointments will be for a 2 year term.

Planning & Zoning Commission:

Cathe Sherman <R>
Chris Edquist <R>
Mike Bokon <U>

Planning and Zoning Alternate:

Peter Carmody <U>

Very truly yours,

Thomas G. Dunn

Thomas G. Dunn
Mayor, Town of Wolcott

TGD/mm

Unity In Community

Please join us for Wolcott's first "Unity In Community Rally"

Crossroads, along with C.A.S.A. Present:

Keynote presentation by

Dr. Matt Cucolo and High School Students

We are asking for your leadership and support for our youth by attending this event and representing yourself or your organization!

Date: March 21, 2013

Time: 6pm – 8pm (15 min intermission)

Place: WHS Auditorium

"You may say I'm
a dreamer, but I'm
not the only one.

I hope someday
you'll join us.

And the world will
live as one."

– John Lennon

"Nothing you do for children is ever wasted."

– Garrison Keillor, *Leaving Home*

ph Joe Dunn 203-560-1665

ph Dr. Matt Cucolo 203-528-8341

ph Karen Zaorski 203-879-5526

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Thomas G. Dunn, Mayor, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE ORIGINAL STEAP GRANT AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 27, 2007 BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF WOLCOTT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO TOSUN ROAD

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Wolcott, Connecticut this 5th day of February, 2013.

In witness thereof, the undersigned has affixed their signature and the corporate seal of the Town of Wolcott on this 6th day of February, 2013.

Dolores C Slater

Dolores C. Slater, Town Clerk

Seal

2-6-2013
Date