

**WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

6:30 P.M.

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**MINUTES**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING: PROPOSED ORDINANCE #96 Ordinance Regarding Adoption of Connecticut General Statute §§4-124i – 4-124p Pertaining to Creating and Joining the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments**

Chairman Valletta called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 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, Joseph Del Buono, Rachel Wisler, Francis Masi, and Donald Charette Sr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Notice to Town Clerk dated March 31<sup>st</sup> Regarding Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance #96

**CALL OF MEETING:**

Vice-Chairman Mastrofrancesco read the following into the record:

**TOWN OF WOLCOTT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

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David Valletta, Chairman  
Wolcott Town Council

Dated Wolcott, CT  
April 1, 2014

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TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014

**EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:**

Mayor Dunn came forward, at which time he advised that this ordinance is required to become part of the newly formed Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG). There is a new consolidation mandated by the Office of Policy & Management. New towns will be joining as well as the towns that were previously a part of the Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley (COGCNV). The proposed ordinance will take the place of any and all ordinances that were passed regarding their membership in the Council of Governments.

Mrs. Wisler inquired if it correct that the only change is that four new towns will be joining, at which time Mayor Dunn replied yes. There is also additional verbiage and when they meet they will be reorganizing and coming up with new policies.

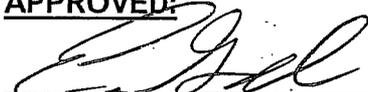
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon **MOTION** by Charles Marsella, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to **close** the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
Elizabeth Gaudiosi  
Commission Secretary

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David Valletta, Chairman  
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL



TOWN OF WOLCOTT

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**RECEIVED**

8:45 a.m.  
3-31-14  
*Dolores C Slater*

TOWN CLERK  
WOLCOTT, CONN.

March 31, 2014

Dolores C. Slater, Town Clerk  
Wolcott Town Hall  
10 Kenea Avenue  
Wolcott, CT 06716

**RE: Public Hearing 4/8/14 6:30 p.m. - Proposed Ordinance #96  
'Ordinance Regarding Adoption of Connecticut General Statute §§4-124i  
- 4-124p Pertaining to Creating and Joining the Naugatuck Valley  
Council of Governments'**

Dear Mrs. Slater:

Please be advised that at the Wolcott Town Council regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, it was unanimously voted to set a Public Hearing on **Tuesday evening, April 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers of the Wolcott Town Hall, for the purpose of obtaining public comment with respect to proposed Ordinance #96, entitled 'Ordinance Regarding Adoption of Connecticut General Statute §§4-124i - 4-124p Pertaining to Creating and Joining the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments'.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gaudiosi  
Secretary, Wolcott Town Council

cc: Town Council Members  
Mayor Thomas G. Dunn  
Brian Tynan, Town Attorney

# 'CALL OF MEETING'

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Notice of Proposed

## ORDINANCE #96

### ORDINANCE REGARDING ADOPTION OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE §§4-124i - 4-124p PERTAINING TO CREATING AND JOINING THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Wolcott has heretofore been a designated municipality within the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and,

**WHEREAS**, as an eligible member the Town of Wolcott has previously voted to join the Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley ("COGCNV") as a regional council of elected officials and remains a member at the present time; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut has determined that a reorganization and resignation of planning districts shall be completed on or before 1 January 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, said reorganization recommended the consolidation of the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region (comprised of the following municipalities: Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Cheshire, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott and Woodbury) and Valley Planning Region (comprised of the following municipalities: Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton) into a Naugatuck Valley Planning District; and,

**WHEREAS**, said Naugatuck Valley Planning District additionally includes the City of Bristol and Town of Plymouth; and,

**WHEREAS**, on or about 11 October 2013 COGCNV and on 17 December 2013 the Valley Council of Governments both approved the voluntary consolidation of the two regions; and,

**WHEREAS**, on or about 24 December 2013 the Office of Policy and Management approved the requested and redesignated the Central Naugatuck Valley and Valley Planning Regions into the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments ("NVCOG") operating within the newly established Planning Region will commence operations on 1 January 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Wolcott would like to participate in the creation of NVCOG as the council of governments for the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region by (1) approving an ordinance pursuant to C.G.S. §4-124j adopting C.G.S. §§4-124i-4-124p; (2) filing a certified copy of the adopting ordinance with the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut ("OPM"); and, (3) upon certification by the Secretary of OPM participating in the operation of the transitional executive committee of NVCOG, which transitional period shall conclude on 31 December 2014 at 11:59:59 PM; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Wolcott (1) shall remain a member of COGCNV as it continues to operate and wind down as a council of elected officials until December 31, 2014 and participates in the negotiation of the terms and conditions pertinent to the operation of NVCOG prior to January 1, 2015; and, (2) recognizes the necessity of the current members of COGCNV to remain in operation as an unincorporated association of municipalities in order to wind down the affairs and assets of COGCNV that are either not assigned to and

integrated within the operations of NVCOG and which the municipalities believe need to remain separate and distinct from NVCOG.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Sec. 1. Creation of Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments.** The Town of Wolcott hereby joins with such municipalities of the Naugatuck Valley Planning Region, as designated by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management of the State of Connecticut, to create a regional council of governments to be known as the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments by adopting the provisions of C.G.S. §§4-124i - 4-124p.

**Sec. 1a. Transitional Provision. Certification by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Transitional Executive Committee and Transitional Period.**

(a) Upon certification by the Secretary of said Office of Policy and Management that at least sixty percent of the municipalities in the planning region have adopted ordinances creating a regional council of government, as required by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments shall be established.

(b) Upon such certification, the Transitional Period shall commence. Said Transitional Period shall conclude on 31 December 2014 at 11:59:59 PM. During such period the Town of Wolcott shall participate on the Transitional Executive Committee for the purposes set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes. The Mayor shall be a member of the Transitional Executive Committee. In the absence of the Mayor, the legislative body of the Town of Wolcott shall appoint an elected official to serve as a member. The Mayor may send a representative in his or her stead; however, such representative shall not be a member of said executive committee.

(c) This section shall expire at the conclusion of the Transitional Period and thereafter be void and of no force and effect.

**Sec. 2. Membership in the Naugatuck Valley Regional Council of Governments.** On and after 1 January 2015, the Town of Wolcott shall be a member of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

**Sec. 3. Powers and Duties of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.** The Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments shall have such powers, purposes, rights, duties and responsibilities as shall be set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes.

**Sec. 4. Representative to the Naugatuck Valley Council of Government.** The Mayor shall be the representative of the Town of Wolcott to the council of governments. In the absence of the Mayor, the legislative body of the Town of Wolcott shall appoint an elected official to serve as a member. The Mayor may send an alternate in his or her stead; however, such alternate shall be entitled to such rights as may be established by the council of governments. The Town of Wolcott shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the council of governments.

**Sec. 5. The Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley. Successor Association.** The Town of Wolcott shall remain a member of Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley as it continues to

operate and wind down as a council of elected officials until December 31, 2014. The Town of Wolcott shall also participate with the current members of council of elected officials in an unincorporated association of such municipalities in order to wind down the affairs and assets of the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley that are either not assigned to and integrated within the operations of Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments.

**Sec. 6. Repeal of Prior Ordinances.** On or after 1 January 2015 the Town of Wolcott effectively repeals any prior resolutions or ordinances dealing with the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region and/or the Council of Governments for the Central Naugatuck Valley ("COGCNV").

**This ordinance was adopted at a Special Meeting of the Wolcott Town Council on April 8, 2014 and becomes effective on May 2, 2014.**

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Thomas G. Dunn, Mayor  
Town of Wolcott

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David Valletta, Chairman  
Wolcott Town Council

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Date

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Date

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Dolores C. Slater, Town Clerk for the Town of Wolcott, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Ordinance #96 adopted by the Town Council at its Special Meeting on April 8, 2014, in which a quorum was present and acting throughout and that the ordinance has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

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Dolores C. Slater, Town Clerk

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Date

**Public Hearing Date: April 8, 2014**

**Adopted by Town Council at Special Meeting: April 8, 2014**

**Date Published: April 11, 2014**

Waterbury Republican-American Newspaper

**Effective Date: May 2, 2014**

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R-A April 11, 2014

Town of Wolcott  
PUBLIC NOTICE

re- Take notice that a Public Hearing, for the purpose of obtaining  
lay public comment on proposed Ordinance #96, was held at 6:30  
re- p.m. on April 8, 2014, in the Council Chambers of the Wolcott  
ib- Town Hall. At a Special Meeting of the Wolcott Town Council held  
als on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., in the same location, it was  
LY unanimously voted to adopt Ordinance #96 entitled 'ORDINANCE  
IE REGARDING ADOPTION OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE  
T- §§4-124i - 4-124p PERTAINING TO CREATING AND JOINING THE  
N- NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. In accordance  
with Section 307 of the Wolcott Town Charter, notice is hereby  
given of enactment of Ordinance #96; full text is as follows:

Ordinance #96

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