

MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
October 4, 2010

The October 4, 2010 meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Sharon M. Palmer at 7:34 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kimberly A. Alfultis, Thomas F. Ammirati, Robert J. Brule, Jr., Michael J. Cannamela, Diana Cramer, Thomas J. Dembek, John W. Doroski, John A. Foley, Mark R. Gelinias, Michael J. Hannan, Andrea F. Kanfer, Richard F. Muckle, Theodore Olynciw, Sharon M. Palmer, Rodney A. Pinkham, Jr., Teresa A. Wilensky.

ABSENT: David L. Cattanaach, Steven D. Garvin, Gerard J. Gaynor, Jr., Brendan J. McGuirk, Timothy D. Sullivan, George C. White.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel M. Steward and Chair of the Board of Finance John W. Sheehan.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectmen Paul A. Suprin and Paul Konstantakis and Chair of the Board of Education Donald B. Blevins.

CALL ITEM 1 – Minutes

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by Alfultis, to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2010 Regular Meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 2 – Committee Reports

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Kanfer, to accept committee reports.

DISCUSSION: Rep. Dembek noted a typo in the Public Works, Planning & Development Committee report: sewer rates, not water rates, charged by consumption. By consensus it was agreed that the matter of sewer rates should be a Call Item for the December Annual Meeting.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 3 – Senior Citizens Commission appointment

NOMINATION by Kanfer of DINA G. LOPES to fill the vacancy on the Senior Citizens Commission for the unexpired term April 6, 2009 – April 1, 2012.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 4 – General Government Administrators contract

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Cramer, to approve the Tentative Agreement between the Town of Waterford and the United Electric, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local 222 Connecticut Independent Labor Union, Local 19 General Government Administrators, covering the period between January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012.

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DISCUSSION: Human Resources Director Barbara Aube and Labor Counsel Thomas Gibbons fielded questions. Rep. Foley wanted to know about strategies behind the negotiations, a topic clearly outside the realm of public discussion.

MOTION by Foley, seconded by Hannan, to recess to allow the public to vacate the auditorium.

DISCUSSION: Moderator Palmer emphatically stated that the only topic under discussion would be "collective bargaining" and there would be no entertainment of opinions. It was agreed that only the First Selectman, Director of Human Resources, Town Counsel, Labor Counsel, and the Representative Town Meeting were to remain.

VOTING IN FAVOR to recess at 8:20 P.M.: Unanimous.

MOTION by Foley, seconded by Hannan, to reconvene at 8:56 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR of the Tentative Agreement: Ammirati, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Doroski, Foley, Gelinis, Palmer, Pinkham, Wilensky.

VOTING AGAINST the Tentative Agreement: Alfultis, Cramer, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw.

ABSTAINING: Hannan.

CALL ITEM 5 – Non-union Management salary schedule

MOTION by Pinkham, seconded by Hannan, to approve the Non-union Management Professional salary schedule which includes the following: 2.00% wage increase for 2009 (retroactive to January 1, 2009), a 2.75% wage increase for 2010 (retroactive to January 1, 2010), a 2.75% wage increase for 2011 and 3.25% wage increase for 2012; cost sharing for health insurance benefits remaining at 7.50% upon implementation, increasing to 9.00% effective April 1, 2011; increasing to 10.00% effective July 1, 2012; and increasing to 12.00% effective December 31, 2012, as recommended by the Personnel Review Board.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ammirati, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Doroski, Foley, Gelinis, Hannan, Palmer, Pinkham, Wilensky.

VOTING AGAINST: Alfultis, Cramer, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw.

CALL ITEM 6 – Soccer lights at Spera Field

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Cannamela, to approve a request from the Recreation and Parks Commission, with a recommendation from the First Selectman, based on its consistency with the Capital Improvement Plan, for an appropriation in the amount of \$45,000 from funds designated in Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditure Fund Line Item 20537-57706, Soccer Lights at Spera Field, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Brule, seconded by Cannamela, to establish the request as "emergency legislation" as there is currently a payment overdue.

VOTING IN FAVOR of "emergency legislation": Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR of the \$45,000 appropriation: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 7 – Police Department sprinkler system

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Cramer, to approve a request from the Chief of Police, with a recommendation from the First Selectman, based on its consistency with the Capital Improvement Plan, for an appropriation in the amount of \$32,500 from Capital and Nonrecurring Designated Fund Line Item

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20501-57506 Building Improvements, to replace the dry sprinkler system at the Police Department and refund Line Item 12118-55030, Fiscal Year 2008, Building Improvements that was encumbered to address repairs to Town Hall including brick re-pointing, door replacements, and a fire alarm system upgrade, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 8 – Community Use of Schools budget

MOTION by Dembek, seconded by Kanfer, to approve a recommendation by the Legislation and Administration Standing Committee of the Representative Town Meeting authorizing the Director of Finance to create a separate Organizational and Object budget beginning Fiscal Year 2012, entitled Community Use of Schools, to be represented jointly by the Board of Education and the Recreation and Parks Department.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 9 – Explanatory texts for Charter questions

MOTION by Pinkham, seconded by Kanfer, to approve a request from the Town Clerk, pursuant to Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, to authorize the preparation and printing of concise explanatory texts for the Charter amendment questions approved for submission to the electors at the state election on November 2, 2010.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 10 – Long Range Capital Fiscal Plan Committee appointments

NOMINATIONS by Pinkham of THOMAS J. DEMBEK and by Kanfer of DAVID L. CATTANACH to the Ad Hoc Long Range Capital Fiscal Plan Committee.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by Alfultis, to adjourn at 9:40 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nye
Town Clerk