

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers
TUESDAY
February 23, 2021
6:30 P.M.

REVISED AGENDA

The Town Council meeting of February 23, 2021 will take place REMOTELY only. It shall commence at 6:30 P.M. It is expected that the public will be permitted to comment on the Agenda Items as instructed by the Chairman. Materials from this meeting will also be posted on the Town's website for viewing prior to the meeting. The meeting can be accessed through:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/623551461>
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United States (Toll Free): 1-866-899-4679
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Live stream of the meeting will also be available on the Town of Wallingford You Tube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/wallingfordgovernmenttelevision>

Moment of Silence

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$62,254.93 (#650-723)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
 - 3b. Acceptance of funds from Redflex Student Guardian and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$408 to Court Motor Vehicle Fines, Acct. #1002001-45124 and to Police Operating Expense, Acct. #10020050-58735 - Police Chief
 - 3c. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$3,600 - Human Resources

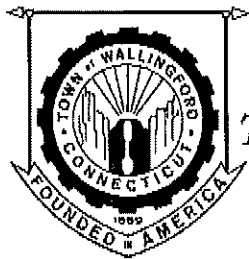
\$1,600	From: Continuing Education/Training	Acct. #55700
\$2,000	From: Employee Training/Development	Acct. #58360
\$3,600	To: College Tuition Reimbursement-Mgmt.	Acct. #52962

- 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$7,500 from Regular Salaries/Wages, Acct. #10020050-51000 to Capital-Front Door Replacement, Acct. #TBD - Police Dept.
- 3e. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$40,000 from Reg.-Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10030000-51000 to Overtime, Acct. #10030000-51400 - Public Works
- 3f. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$3,000 from Regular Wages & Salaries, Acct. #10010650-51000 to Election Supplies, Acct. #10010650-56105 – Town Clerk
- 3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,400 - Town Clerk
 - \$1,100 From: Dues and Fees Acct. #10010650-58810
 - \$ 300 From: Dog Tags & Supplies Acct. #10010650-56110
 - \$1,400 To: Maintenance of Equipment Acct. #10010650-54325
- 3h. Acceptance of funds for Fire Watch services and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,111 to Miscellaneous Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Replacement Pay, Acct. #10020150-51500 - Fire Dept.
- 3i. Consider and approve Appointment of James Seichter to the vacant position of Constable effective immediately and expiring January 3, 2022 - Chairman Cervoni
- 3j. Consider and approve Appointment of Jennifer Passaretti to full member of the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission to fill a current vacancy effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2023 - Chairman Cervoni
- 3k. Approve Town Council Minutes of February 9, 2021
- 3l. (a) Discussion and Action to amend HQ contract price per senior citizen residential bag from \$2.72 to \$2.82 per bag - Public Works
 - (b) Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$5,650 from Contingency General, Acct. #10019000-58820 to P.W. - Waste & Compost, Acct. #10030000-56754 - Public Works
- 4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda**
- 5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**
- 6. COVID Update – Stephen Civitelli, Health Director

7. (a) Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$80,000 from Regular Salaries and Wages, Acct. #10020150-51000 to Replacement Pay, Acct. #10020150-51500 - Fire Dept.
- (b) Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$70,000 - Finance
 - \$40,000 From: Contingency-General Acct. #10019000-58820
 - \$30,000 From: Contingency-Accrued Acct. #10019000-58821
 - \$70,000 To: Fire-Replacement Pay Acct. #10020150-51500
8. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property - Mayor

In accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act- Individuals in need of auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the Town of Wallingford are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Compliance Coordinator at 203-294-2070 five days prior to meeting date.

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*Town of Wallingford, Connecticut*ROBERT V. BALTRAMAITIS, P.E.
Director of Public WorksSTEPHEN M. PALERMO
Superintendent of Public WorksDepartment of Public Works
29 Town Farm Road
Wallingford, Connecticut 06492Telephone (203) 294-2105
Fax (203) 294-2107**MEMO****To:** Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.**From:** Rob Baltramaitis - DPW**Date:** February 16, 2021**RE: Solid Waste Vendor**

Dear Mayor,

For many years, HQ Dumpster LLC has been the Town's vendor to operate our solid waste transfer station which includes receiving and disposing of household trash from our senior citizen trash program. HQ has been the vendor since July 1, 2015 as a result of Public Bid 14-128. My office has been extremely pleased with the overall diligence and excellent service by HQ. We regularly receive positive comments from users of this facility and the compost center which is also operated by HQ.

Back in Spring 2019, the Town Council granted a three-year extension (by bid waiver) of the contract through June 2023 at the final fifth-year rates.

The original contract was based on an agreement between the Town of Wallingford and Covanta, the group that operated the solid waste burn plant on South Cherry Street; later converted to a transfer station. The agreement provided HQ with an ability to dispose of solid waste close by at an approximate cost of \$65 per ton (stated in Section 2.03 of Public Bid 14-128). Subsequent to this, Covanta transferred operation of their facility to Country Disposal. Country has increased the tip fee to \$95 per ton. While we work through a potential legal battle with Covanta/ Country, the fact is that our vendor has incurred extra costs to dispose of ALL solid waste including senior citizen program trash bags.

Unsurprisingly, HQ needs to adjust their 'per bag' cost from the senior resident program to account for the additional tipping fee. HQ has suggested a nominal increase from \$2.72 to \$2.82 per bag. This will result in an additional \$5,650.00 annually (56,500 senior bags @ \$0.10 each) to the overall annual cost of \$264,000 to run the Town's solid waste transfer station and senior resident trash bag program.

It is staff's opinion that this minor adjustment is fair and is in the best interest of the Town of Wallingford. Re-bidding these services at this point would likely result in a much more expensive

contract given the uncertainty in the solid waste industry. To put this in perspective, the adjusted cost per bag is still \$1.24 less than that of the next lowest bidder from 2014.

I respectfully request that this matter be brought before the Wallingford Town Council to consider amending the contract price per senior citizen residential bag from \$2.72 to \$2.82. If favorable, I would request an additional \$5,650 be transferred from the general contingency account to DPW's solid waste account.

As always, if you have any questions or require any additional information, please let me know.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Baltramaitis', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert V. Baltramaitis, P.E.
DPW Director

Cc: Janis Small – Corporation Counsel
Sal Amadeo – Purchasing Agent

31(b)

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Honorable William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor, Town of Wallingford

I. Request for: X transfer of funds
 appropriation of funds

Fund: X General Fund
 Other Title _____

Amount: \$ 5,650 FROM Title: Contingency-Gen. Acct No. 10019000 58820

Amount: \$ 5,650 TO Title: P.W. - Waste
Compost Acct No. 10030000 56754

Explain: PER ATTACHED LETTER AS REQUESTED

Submitted by: W Dickinson
Department/Division Head

Certified as to availability of funds: [Signature]
Comptroller

APPROVED: -- subject to the availability of funds:
W Dickinson
Mayor

II. CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTION:

The transfer/appropriation of \$ _____ as detailed and authorized above and as approved by a vote of the Town Council in session is hereby certified.

I hereby certify that this is the motion approved by the town Council at its meeting of _____, 20 _____.

Town Clerk