

Minutes

WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

SWIFT MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBRARY
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Elaine Adams
Richard DiFederico
Katherine Duplissie
Linda Masayda
Raymond Primini, Chairman
Paul Rinaldi
Mary Ann Rosa, Vice Chairman
Thomas Winn

ABSENT: Richard Fusco

OTHERS PRESENT: Charles Frigon, Town Manager
Frank Nardelli, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Primini, Chairman, Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. King, Secretary, executed the Roll Call.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Primini, Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Chairman's Report

Mr. Primini, Chairman

Town Budget current budget is coming in at 1.55 mil. Met with Board of Ed members, Karen Baldwin, Budget Committee Chairman, Tom Lambert, and Chairman, Richard Mazzamaro had discussions with unions and there is a vote on May 4th. Chairman is asking all town employees and unions for help. The facts are when we look at all the figures the revenue is not coming in town. The Board Education came in with 3.9 of budget increase that is significantly down from what they were originally asking. On the Town side the zoning permits fees, and building permit fees are way down and have not seen any houses go up in the past year in town. I have been asked by other departments if the town was

brought down to zero why we cannot bring the Board of Ed down to zero. We spent a lot of money on school buildings we need money to maintain these buildings and finally have some money for books. Even if we took a raise away from everybody it would still not bring the budget down to zero mil. The facts are with the last installment the funding for the high school the seven million dollars that gives us a 3.5 mil increase alone. The Economic Development Committee had the facts we have over several hundred thousand square feet of vacant factory space and it does not look like it is coming back to soon. Economic Development is working diligently trying to look for other sources.

Ms. Adams: With item B finance subcommittee recommended fiscal year 2010 - 2011 budget be sent to public hearing. We are not going to do that item tonight and are not discussing the budget tonight.

Mr. Primini: We are going to postpone that until after May 4th.

Ms. Adams: You are not looking for a vote then I will save my comments then. We have charter dates that we must abide by.

Mr. Primini: We may have to call a Special Town Council meeting.

Ms. Rosa: My understanding from speaking with the Town Manager is that we should be okay keeping the same dates that we have and if we hold a special meeting right after the 4th, we will be able to make an intelligent recommendation.

Mr. Primini: I would like to start the Board of Ed members on the public participation.

5. Public Participation

Kevin Killeen – 430 Northfield Road – Member of the Board of Education

I would like to read comments from our Chairman Mr. Mazzamaro, Board of Education:

The Board of Education budget process starts in October with meetings between the Superintendent, the Business Manager, and each school principal compiling and reviewing budget requests for each school. The current economic conditions this year presented the Board of Education with additional challenges in attempting to balance the educational needs of students in Watertown with the financial concerns and realities of our citizens. From the beginning of our budget process it was made clear to our administration that no new requests would be considered for the 2010 – 2011 budget. The budget presented by Superintendent Baldwin to our board meets this challenge. In an unprecedented move the board cut 1.03 million dollars from the board's service budget before it was even presented to the board for consideration, recognizing that the increase in the current service budget was unacceptable.

We as a board recognize the council's concern for reducing costs even with our proposed budget. With the cuts that the board has already made there are significant areas of need in our school system that are still left unaddressed. Positions lost after last year's cuts are not

returning to this budget. In spite of cuts made by the board this prior to the council's consideration of our budget, we feel the budget as will offer quality education and extracurricular opportunities to our students. We have learned that the council intends to recommend another cut of \$659,000.00 from the education budget in addition to the 1.03 million dollars already cut by the board, this cut believed to be too deep. At what point as a town do we say enough is enough. Watertown is at a crossroad we continue to lose positions and programs that never come back. We as a board are still are in a deficit from 20 years of devastating cuts to the education budget.

Classes that existed just twenty years ago when I attended the Watertown School System are no longer available. We have six graders in study halls, five times a week instead of a language arts program like competing school systems have.

We can either move forward together or as a town continue to take steps backward. Under new leadership of the Town Council and the Board of Education, those bodies have worked together more closely than any other time since I have been on the board. We held three ground breaking meetings with the Town Council Chairman and Vice Chairman as well as a meeting with the Town Council's Finance Subcommittee to discuss the cost drivers effecting this year's budget, as well as challenges facing the board this year and in the future. This was really good work and very much appreciated by the board.

We ask that you listen to tax payers here tonight. Please do not exclude them from this process.

I understand that the additional cut being recommended by the council reflects a desire on the part of the council to have our teachers bargaining units agree to concessions. The board continues to work with our teacher's bargaining units and expect to vote on concessions in the coming weeks. The board asks that there offers be considered before you make a final decision. Thank you Rich Mazzamaro. That concludes my remarks made by the Chairman.

I would like to share a few comments of my own. I have the data that is available with a website available from the state of CT and we continue to be near last in all quality indicators. It concerns me so much that in our community we do not have the full access exposure or awareness that we are actually not doing our children the service in education that we should be. We had made a commitment in the buildings, but the buildings by state mandate are set apart initiatives of the quality education otherwise. I used the term district reference group; a working definition of this would be communities that are most like ours social economically and educationally. The problem is thinking somehow that money does not matter, it does but it is not the last indicator. But clearly in our case we continue to be last or near last in too many of the quality indicators. If we could forward with the idea that education is an investment to our future. We would not be taking some of the actions that we have taken. What we need to do moving forward just to catch up to the next lowest town. We would spent over three million dollars on our budget in addition to it, this based on 06-07. When we said our current services budget 6.9%, if we go back to zero we are taking a 2.5 million dollar cut in program and services. Clearly that is unacceptable and I question whether or not we would actually been fooling the requirement. Are we spending enough

money to get the results that we need educationally. From everything that I have been able to gather I have to say that answer is regrettably no. Thank you.

Tom Lambert – Vice Chairman – Board of Education and Budget Committee Chairman

We are here tonight to debate the values and the future of our educational system in Watertown. We appreciate and share the council's concern for reducing costs as much as possible. Watertown has lost 1,900 jobs in the past ten years and that does not include the jobs for our residents who work in other towns. That is why the Board of Education took the unprecedented action of cutting over one million dollars from its budget. Even before submitting it to council, we cut our budget because we recognize a serious financial challenge the people in Watertown and Oakville are facing. Significant areas of need in our school system are left unaddressed because of the crisis we are all facing. Elementary class sizes continue to be amongst the largest in the state. Nine teaching positions lost last year will not return. Remedial teaching arts, music, will be lost this fall. Library clerk, custodial, Para Professional and secretarial positions will also be eliminated. In spite of these cuts we believe we still would be able to offer quality education and extracurricular opportunities for our children. We will also make curriculum and text book improvements that will help improve what are widely known as one of the lowest standardized test scores in our 24 school district resource group. We also believe we can improve on SAT scores which are well below both the state and national average. The council's recommendation to remove another \$659,000.00 from the school board budget we think cuts beyond belief. It jeopardizes all that is being done to preserve educational quality in our efforts to save programs and improve test scores. A cut of this magnitude that the council is mandating can be made only by making additional staffing cuts in areas that are already dangerously understaffed. Assistant Principals, Remedial Teachers, Elementary and Kindergarten Teachers, will likely have to be eliminated. We cannot make those kinds of brutal cuts without doing some serious harm to our school system, let alone to our town's quality of life and property values. The council has said they want to see a wage freeze from our teacher's union before doing anything. The teachers have yet to be formally asked to make a wage freeze by their union leadership. That decision that they will be making, they will be making this decision over the next two weeks. Regardless of that decision, if you go forward with a \$659,000.00 reduction the cuts will be too destructive to our educational system. We ask tonight for one thing that work with the board to create a budget that is right for our children and our taxpayers. If the council moves forward with this cut of \$659,000.00 we will most likely lose any large business, or manufacturer that is looking to relocate to Watertown and is accessing our educational system for their employees. Most of all we ask that you listen to the parents and taxpayers here tonight. Do not leave them out of the decision making process by assuming you know what their willing to spend on education. We are the elected officials that were given the responsibility to represent our residents of Watertown. Responsible government means we take a reasonable approach to every issue. Our charge on the Board of Ed's to balance the needs of our children that cannot speak for themselves or their future. We represent the parents of those children we are sitting here in this audience in essence speaking for their children, quite anxious about outcome here tonight. This future vote affects everything that is near and dear to every parent their children's success. We on the Board of Education ask only one thing from you here tonight to take the reasonable approach before you ever vote and

give our bargaining units to chance to help our children. Help their families and help their future for the rest of their lives.

Katie Gordon – 115 Guernseytown Road

I like to echo something that Mr. Lambert said, which is giving us a chance to pass it I looked around the room and saw 45 people standing up and all of the chairs filled despite the fact that it is school vacation week, despite the fact that the location changed at the last minute, parents have figured out what is going on. We know how desperate it is and these cuts are just the ones that are too far and we have to draw the line somewhere. When I look around I believe we can pass it and so I really hope that you will take into strong consideration the fact that we cannot cut not one more penny from education and expect to still get the results.

Al Mickel – 95 Woodvine Avenue

I have attended most of the finance subcommittee meetings on March 23rd, and at the April 12th meeting. I understand you have a problem you are between a rock and a hard place. Your campaign promise was to lower taxes and in the situation that you just described it is going to be very hard to lower taxes without more revenue. You did not lower taxes and you did not give the Town Manger or the school board what they asked for. The next thing was a plan B and the meeting on the 12th to take money out of general fund. Part of that money \$50,000.00 was for the EDC, when I was at the subcommittee meeting the EDC presented the requirements he was in excess of \$77,000.00 and I am just wondering the proposal for \$50,000.00 what was taken out of their proposal. On their proposal they had a trip to Las Vegas and I am wondering if that was taken out. I would suggest to this council, that they present the Town Manager's budget as presented and the school superintendent's budget as presented. Thank you.

Nadine Savage – 629 Linkfield Road

I do not like at the last minute you asked form another \$600,000.00 to be cut from the budget. This is very disappointing and we are constantly jeopardizing our children's educational future.

The second point is the teacher's salaries, there was a article in the paper and they listed online everybody's salary. They made it look like so many of our teacher's make so much money. If they took every pay cut that you asked them to give and forgo every increase in salary they would be living in a poverty level right now. Many of them may seem high, if you look at someone that has their masters or their 6 year plus and spent 20 years in the same profession at the same location they would be making way more than \$84,000.00 listed.

Third point next week is take your parent to school week, I challenge each and every one of you to spend the entire day in the school of your choice to see what our teacher's and our staff do on a day to day basis.

Dennis O' Sullivan - 238 North Street

About four weeks ago I came to you as the Town Council and asked about the project, it was whether the gymnasium at the high school was air conditioned under the current

construction program. I found out a change was written to the construction contract this is ongoing and was limited to \$50,000.00 and I was told the purpose of it that in the event during graduation if it rains the service could be moved inside and the people would not be uncomfortable moving. I ask that question of you and someone did get back to me and then I continued to ask the question if you put air conditioning in what about the power cost something called demand charge and the person I was speaking with was not familiar with that. Demand cost depends upon what kind of power you have and what the rate structure is but if you draw a lot of power in a short period of time you pay for that heavy demand ongoing. But I am not sure of what kind of a grade structure you have and I am not sure if in fact that does apply. It is not just the first cost; it is the life cycle cost. I have some additional basic questions and would like to have somebody who knows the answers get back to me and the basic question is: If we have a construction program to expand the high school to modernize and upgrade it and there was a set amount of money who is authorized to make a change order for \$50,000.00, to add something like air conditioning and I would like to know. If we added a \$50,000.00 change order to air conditioning for the gymnasium I would like to know what the impact on an annual basis is, what is the life cycle cost of that for an annual basis? I would like to know how \$50,000.00 expenditure was made without coming to we the people. Do you know anything about it? I asked it four weeks ago and I did not get an answer. This is not the first time I came to you and asked that question. Will the air conditioning system be on other than only for the graduation or is it on now? Does anyone know? Will it be put on when the janitorial staff needs to clean the floor? Will it be on when the basketball practice goes on? How will that be used is there a program for that or are we going to turn it off and only use it during the graduation as I was told. I guess that is the extent of my questions and I would appreciate an answer and thank you.

Kevin Killeen

Understanding the project referendum number, there may or may not be funds available for additional items to be added to the project. In this case the public buildings by virtue of the council had been given the authority to oversee those projects. It was consistent with good interest by the community to pursue the issue air conditioning in the gymnasium as Mr. O' Sullivan had indicated. The issue of its use I do not know if we have a specific policy at this time, but one of the conditions of use would be keep the floor at certain moisture content so it would not buckle. Again consistent with the charge of the Town Council public buildings has given charge over the project. The price indicated for that air conditioning did not exceed the cost of the project presently.

Dennis O' Sullivan

On the basis of the comments just made is it your understanding that when we voted for a referendum to upgrade the high school. That meant that was an amount of money set aside to be dispensed by an agency other than the council as they saw fit without any check and balance from you the council.

Mr. Primini: The Town Manager will get you an answer.

Mr. O'Sullivan: Wanted to add that dimension whoever the Board of Ed, the Building

Committee are authorized to spend whatever they think it may change and I do not know where the money came from? Is this a legal question that I am asking, when we the people voted to approve that it is now a pot of money that can be spent up to that last dollar. I would like to know what change orders were made so I can understand what all the management of that project was. It is troubling to me that turn this pot of money and have it spent by others without coming back to you or to us is very questionable and if you could add that to the list.

Joe Pollick – 173 Middlebury Road

I would like to speak about a small amount of money that is a concern to me, the budget and the monies available to the town of Watertown. The proposal to spend about \$24,750.00 to study the use of Hemingway School and what to do with the old Town Hall. There have been 3 studies regarding the Town Hall around 86 or 98 another one in 94 during which 12 locations were considered for the new Town Hall, and another one in 07 which I initiated with the Board of Education. Reviewing the records I found an email from then Superintendent regarding this study and you were not satisfied with the work that was done in 07. There was significant work done by Whittaker and Associates it looked like they reviewed everything that had to be reviewed. The Board of Ed approved the plans that Whittaker Associates had put together for the Town Hall to incorporate the town offices and Board of Ed. The bids included everything that had to be covered as well as the vault. The presentation on September 17th included a power point presentation of Hemingway School. Everything was looked at as far as the town was concerned. Review what was put together by Whittaker and perhaps and make adjustments that would be required.

What to do with the old Town Hall? I would suggest the study with the old Town Hall has been studied to death. It is an obsolete old building and has outlived its usefulness and do not spend another dollar on that building it is not worth it. The proposal to move people from the Annex into Hemingway as soon as we get space, I would suggest that would be an incorrect thing to do why would we move people out of a good building when we should take them out of the Town Hall which is out of date. In length of all the budget problems we have in this town save \$24,750.00 spending on use of studies and not wasting on repairs to the old Town Hall.

Mr. Primini: I do agree with you on those two issues on Hemingway Park and spoke to Steve Whittaker. The roof on the Town Hall has been leaking down to the first floor and a maintenance person has been emptying buckets on heavy rain days. It is unfair for people to work under these conditions. The priorities are to get people into Hemingway building we own, the plans are Depot Square Mall has to be moved in first, and the people from the Annex at the same time. I agree with you and thank you for bringing them up.

Ms. Adams: I was on the committee for that what happened was the school board came to us and asked us to use Hemingway because we had the reconstruction with Judson and Polk and it came to a halt. Hemingway should be our Town Hall but does the entire town feel that way we need to talk about it before we rush into anything.

Mr. Primini: I agree Public Buildings has it right now. Our goal I want to get them in their by December so we don't have to pay anymore rent. Once we start getting people into the building people will accept it a lot more. It is a building we own and let's start taking advantage of it.

Stacey LaCapra – 181 Curtis Lane

I lived in Watertown for 11 years and I have two children that are in the school system a kindergartener and a second grader. My daughter in second grade had a class size of 26 and trying to teach 26 children of all different levels how to read that is a challenge for a teacher. We have amazing teachers in this town otherwise I do not what we would do. I would like to move from this town, I cannot afford to move because I could not get what I need for my house. Who would come to live in this town? You town is only as good as your school system. How are we supposed to get new construction in this town when we do not put money towards the budget? I understand it is difficult I do not want my taxes raised either but I also want my children educated and given the tools that they need to succeed in the world. Our Town Council needs to say this cannot be cut anymore and that is it. We are dead last in almost every area and I would not tell anybody to move to this town. I loved to live in this town thinking that this was a great school system and a great place to grow up and I would like my children to feel that when they go to school. I am hopeful we can push for this budget and we cannot cut anymore we have already cut too much.

Tracey Elliot – 92 Westview Drive, Oakville

Eight years ago I was newly married and pregnant and live in a small condo in Waterbury and my husband said he found the perfect house one street away from where he grew up in Oakville and I was thrilled. I knew my kids would be going to school here and all his brothers were so successful and they all came from Watertown High. My children are 3 in 7 in Pre K at John Trumbull and first grade and I am beginning to feel not comforted. I admit I have never participated in any Town Council meetings I have never been before and I have to speak up for my babies. I do hope teachers will consider giving additional funds back, but \$600,000.00 is just too much to take away from them. My youngest is losing his music next year in the Pre K and that is his favorite day to go to school. I do not want him to lose anymore.

Heather Masina – 264 Pondview Drive

I am also hopeful that you will restore the money and give us a chance to pass the budget. Looking at what has been cut in past years it is extremely upsetting that language is offered to some students, twenty first century skills are not being taught. We are so in need of remedial teachers when you look at our CMT scores you have class sizes getting larger and the support system for these teachers is disappearing. Now is the time to do the right thing, we have cut and cut and there is nothing left to cut. The class sizes are just going to get larger and more difficult to meet all the needs of all students. Education is different now.

Fran Palmer – 220 Middlebury Road

I am speaking tonight as a taxpayer and a teacher here in Watertown. My comments will

be addressing the Board of Education portions of the Town Council budget. I believe you should leave the Board of Education budgets alone and not request the additional \$659,000.00 dollar reduction. The Board of Education meets the second and fourth Monday of every month. Yet the Town Finance Subcommittee decided to have the meeting to discuss the Board of Education's proposed budget on the fourth Monday. At this meeting it was decided to recommend a further cut in the proposed Board of Education budgets. It was upsetting that the subcommittee decided to have the meeting that night because most of the people that would have come to make comments concerning the Board of Ed budget at the financial subcommittee meeting were at the Board of Education meeting also held that night. At an earlier meeting the Board of Education presented its budget to the town finance subcommittee and I was at the meeting where the 3.9 percent budget was presented to finance subcommittee. No one on the subcommittee asked any questions of the Superintendent about the proposed budget, no one challenged the necessity of the budget she proposed. No one suggested she should be ready to defend the different scenarios about the budget that the Board of Education proposed. Yet at the subcommittee meeting on March 22nd it was recommended that the Superintendent cut an additional \$650,000.00 has anyone been listening. The original proposed budget does not adequately support the cost of educating our children, now the Board of Education is expected to cut another \$658,000.00. If your purpose is requesting this additional cut to try to get back at teachers or to punish us because we have our hands out asking for wage increase or have not shared in the sacrifice then you succeeded but not in the way you think. This town agreed to a contract that gave teachers a wage increase, the economic climate makes it mandatory for the Superintendent to ask the teachers for concessions. She has asked and the teachers all need to take the request seriously and decide as a union what we should do. I am speaking for myself, as a teacher I could work with the WEA and propose a vote for a furlough day or two, this would save some money for the town but it would hurt my ability as a taxpayer in this bad economy. I could propose for a pay freeze this would save the town more money but it would be more difficult for me to function in this economy. I could propose a pay freeze this would save the town even more money and strongly affect my ability to function in this bad economy. No one wants to see anyone lose their job and no one want to take a cut in wages. Even if teachers took a pay freeze or a step freeze the amount of savings will not come close to the \$659,000.00 additional cuts that is being proposed and no guarantee that others teachers will not lose their jobs. With fewer teachers and programs available to the students it is ultimately their education that will suffer the most. My request is to allow the Board of Education to stay at the 3.9 percent that was originally proposed to the finance subcommittee.

Kevin Killeen

Watertown stands alone in how much it allows it to receive from the state of CT for education. We receive from the state in terms of percentage more for our budget than other town. That number stands at 46.4%. I think as a town we need to step up more and fund our educations for our children. In terms of teacher's compensation that has to be looked at very carefully. The article in today's paper that is a bit misleading and I wanted to share why that is true. It does not take into account in Watertown we have one of the highest numbers of average experience in years of educators at 15.9 years. Our master's

level is 82%. Moving forward with 21 teachers retiring from that area, the numbers reflected in the article do not hold water. If we take that number and apply towards the average teachers pay again we end up at last or near last. The quality indicators seem to indicate that we are not as a community valuing education to the extent that we should. Tough times require tough decisions.

Mr. Primini: Thanked everybody for coming here tonight. I hope everybody goes and looks this over and takes some time to look the figures over again. I believe nothing is cast in stone right now. We are looking at the Board of Ed recommendation. We need to get people more aware of this budget. In a budget referendum we get 25% to 30% turnout and 500 people would make a difference in the budge referendum. I would love to see more 50 and 75 turnout percent and you know what the people really want. It is in everybody hands now and I hope everybody takes this budget seriously especially the first time around. Your opinion I looked forward to and thank everyone attending here tonight. I would like to close public participation.

Mr. Primini: brought the meeting back to order.

6. Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – March 15, 2010

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Ms. Rosa) I make a motion to accept the minutes of the Town Council Meeting for March 15, 2010.

Chairman Primini asked if there were any corrections to be made.

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED Ayes: 7 Abstain: 1-

7. Subcommittee Reports

- a. **Public Works Subcommittee** – Subcommittee meeting a couple of weeks ago all projects are moving forward.
- b. **Business Development Subcommittee** – Subcommittee meeting on March 22nd the purpose was to have a consensus on how to simplify the permit process for residential and commercial buildings.
 - Flow Charts
 - Forms available on internet

8. Town Manager's Report - none

9. New Business

a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.

1. Ethics Subcommittee

MOTION: (Chairman Primini sec. Ms. Duplissie) I would like to nominate the following people to the Ethics Subcommittee: Richard DiFederico, Mary Ann Rosa, Elaine Adams, Alternate members: Thomas Winn, and Linda Masayda.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: (Mr. Rinaldi sec. Ms. Adams) motion to nominate Gregory Chere, 87 North Street, Watertown, Connecticut as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning to replace Glen Duplissie who resigned for a term to end January 2014.

MOTION DEFEATED: Aye: 3 Nay: 5

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie sec. Ms. Rosa) motion to nominate Marie Genovese, 24 Lockwood,, Watertown as a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission to replace Glen Duplissie who resigned for a term to end January, 2014.

Ms. Duplissie: It was submitted by Robert M. Porter, Chairman of the Republican Town Nominating Committee. She is an alternate at this juncture.

MOTION PASSED: Aye: 5 Nay: 3

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie sec. Mr. DiFederico) motion to nominate James Sugden, 199 Beach Ave., Watertown as a member of the Water and Sewer Authority to complete the term of Michael Lafferty who resigned the terms ends January 2012.

MOTION PASSED: Aye: 5 Nays: 3

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie sec. Ms. Rosa) motion to nominate Dorota Habib, 473 French Street, Oakville as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission the term ends January 2013.

Aye: 5 Nays: 3 – Motion passed.

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie sec. Mr. DiFederico) Cable Vision Advisory Board J. Chris Cunningham, 101 Killorin Road, Watertown the term ends June 2011.

MOTION PASSED: Aye: 5 Nays: 3

b. Consider Finance Subcommittee recommended Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budgets to be sent to budget public hearing.

(Ms. Duplissie sec.) I move to adopt the Finance Subcommittee recommended Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budgets to be sent to budget public hearing.

Mr. Nardelli: By May 17th Town Council we are going to need numbers especially on the general budget. We have set the budget public hearing for May 25th and the budget town meeting will be June 7th. Budget referendum June 15th. Those are dates by charter we have to meet.

Ms. Adams: This has been my 11th budget meeting and a leopard does not change its spots at all. I have always been serving on the School Board understanding the needs of education and strongly believe that the Board of Ed works very hard to put their budget forward along with staff. I would ask the Board of Ed to take a look at your budget to see if we do have any potential savings there I do believe in supporting education and also believe that the people have the right to decide the amount of dollars for education. That the council's job is to put out a budget for the people to decide what they would like to do. The people have spoken and said this is too much. That is what I believed as a Board Member, Council Member and as a taxpayer.

Town side again understanding these are tough economies there is talk now the finance subcommittee meeting asking for raises to be given back. That is not the power of the subcommittee only the council, they are contracts not managers contracts the Assistant Managers these are binding agreements between the Town Council, employees and unions. The department heads came in we have a zero spending increase over last year. Exception the school bonding projects that we knew 3 and 1/2 million increase. If the council chooses we need to direct the Town Manager as majority group to go back to the unions to open up the contacts and look for any type of give backs. We have found in the past that people need to take a look at their own circumstances on what they are going to do. If we are looking for savings maybe it is not the raises, maybe furlough days, looking where the dollars can be cut. We have gone to every department head and to take a look at your budget where are potential savings. We are looking to spend a ton of money should they say no and if we do not give them their raises they are going to arbitration we are going to lose. I would like to see is that if the council decides to cut the budget instead of putting out as is to get the Manager a number to look where potential savings could be go back to department heads to take a look.

Fifty Thousand Dollars for Economic Development that was put forward as a blank check there were no line items to put that to, you just can do that. Our budget by charter says we must have line items and how we are going to fund it. I do not agree with Economic Commission with a blank check, we do not know where the money is going to be put.

Hemingway School for \$350,000.00 I am mixed. I do not like raiding the general fund, but I like the idea Hemingway as the Town Hall. I do not know if the entire town likes that idea. We never got public input on it, before anything is taken out of the general fund we need to talk to the people.

Mr. Winn: We have had 12 or 14 sites for Town Hall and how many more studies do we

need. The Town Council should be taking responsibility and at 8,000.00 every time we have a vote. Let's stop with the Town Hall meetings and get the Town Hall done. I believe in the \$350,000.00 and talked to many people to get this Hemingway School to be the Town Hall and start moving on that.

The budgets for our school and for our town, the unions, the teachers and the parents, I heard a teacher say a raise and a step would hurt more. I would like to talk about the 6,000 families that are here and they talk about what they want and what they need, the stats from March 23rd 2010 United State Unemployment 9.7, State of Connecticut 9.8, Watertown 10.1. Watertown in 2008 was 5.8, 2009 it was 8.6 we are now 10.1. The 10.1 people do not get a raise and get nothing. We are talking about father and mothers and children that live in homes and are losing them. I am not trying to pick a fight with the unions, anyone one person that we ask or not ask to take a raise. I am just asking that people in town to look at the other side and be very aware and cognizant of people who lost their jobs and homes. We are losing our home so I am representing every person in this town that is in that position and I do not think there is one person in this room that is not for education but we have to look at reality.

Mr. Rinaldi: The motion on the floor is to postpone.

Ms. Duplissie: The original motion is to adopt.

Ms. Rosa: The motion is made so we can discuss it. After discussion then we can make a motion to postpone.

Mr. Rinaldi: The next meeting we will be setting a public hearing correct.

Ms. Rosa: The next meeting after talking with the Town Manager and the Assistant Town Manger we would be putting dollars to the line items for any cuts we would be making to the budgets that they say to us. If we are not going to change anything then those numbers would be reaffirmed on the seventh we would go forward. If we are going to change them they need those numbers by that date.

Mr. Primini: We are giving every Town Council member a chance to speak on the budget.

Mr. Rinaldi: The problem I have is taking the money out of the general fund the magic number 7% and below that we are in danger of losing our good credit rating, if we take the money out for the Town Hall and for Hemingway...

Mr. Nardelli: Currently we started with 5.4 million, the revenue side we are going to have \$105,000.00 less in money. Less interest on investments, building permits, and revenues are down. We could be in the 5 million dollar range before we take out 1/2 a million we could be in 4 1/2 million 4.6 again the fiscal year has not ended yet. We are talking about the 7% of the proposed budget.

Mr. Rinaldi: If an emergency came up in town that money would come out of the general fund correct.

Mr. Nardelli: replied yes that is correct.

Mr. Rinaldi: I think we should find a different way of addressing the Town Hall issue. I am a great believer in going to the public. Let them vote on it. The second question I have we reduce \$206,000.00 from the town if that number sounds right where this money is being cut.

Ms. Rosa: There were not any line item recommendations we made a dollar amount.

Mr. Rinaldi: If as an individual I was going to support bringing this through public hearing, I would like to know where this money is going to be coming from. Would we know ahead of time?

Mr. Primini: It is not a cast in stone number. It is what we need to get 1/2 mil. The numbers are going to come up and whatever the Town Manager and the Board of Ed come up with and see what we can do. It is a suggestion we are bringing up to Town Council and to see where the numbers fall to.

Mr. Rinaldi: The EDC giving them \$50,000.00 it is a increase in their budget. I understand the logic of what you are doing. I served on EDC back in the early 90's we were promised by the council is that if you need funds for a good cause come and see us. We should deal with this on as needed basis. The asphalt fund is down to \$60,000.00 and that is not enough to do my driveway. The road program is so important, and people see the tax money put to work we need to consider. I would be in favor of looking up the old plans and see if we can make sense of them before we go spending money on new studies. I need some answers before I support sending to public hearing.

Ms. Masayda: I am in agreement with not wanting to make cuts. A lot of parents are here representing their interests and there are a lot of elderly who cannot make it to express their hardships. I am taking it all in and try to make the best decision I can and we all have to share in the pain.

Ms. Duplissie: On the school side you could not pay enough to be a teacher and they have a very difficult job. On the other hand I do not equate salaries to quality of education. I do not believe throwing money at different problems and I think that is what this town does. There is a 10% unemployment rate and the seniors did not get their cost of living and there are a lot of factors, whether it is going to be hardship for one group of people and it going to hardship for everyone. If we can come up with a way we don't take away some of the programs. The kids have 7 study halls and up at the high school it is a free for all in the cafeteria. Some of the things have to be changed I think we have to look at everything on the school side.

On the town side I find it disheartening that our town trucks have bald tires. We constantly have to weld sweeping machines and it looks like it is going to fall apart. This is a nice town and it should have good running equipment.

As far as Hemingway goes we have had a lot of studies and we do not want another one. We

had a public hearing awhile ago Hemingway or Ceiley building being Town Hall. Everybody did not want the Ceiley building as the Town Hall.

Mr. Rinaldi: The Ceiley building we drop the project because of contamination on site.

Ms. Duplissie: Do we have another site for Town Hall.

Mr. Rinaldi: We have to find what the public wants. Are there other sites, there are probably 7 or 8 left that is taxpayer's choice. Hemingway seems to be the logical choice.

Ms. Duplissie: The \$50,000.00 no one questioned line items.

Mr. Rinaldi: We have not seen the list.

Mr. Primini: There was a list that presented originally part of that was for website development which they priced out.

Ms. Duplissie: The money coming out of the general fund to my understanding is that the credit rating that we have is not solely based on the amount we have in the undesignated fund. It is partly due to the amount that we are collecting taxes. We are not bonding anymore, we have one but we do not have four or five like we did before. If we do go into the Town Hall and we have a beautiful building on Main Street that is worth X amount of dollars and that money would go back into the general fund.

Mr. Rinaldi: That was not the concern, that amount of money should be decided by the taxpayers in referendum or vote. We take upon ourselves to say that this what we are going to do and this is where the Town Hall going to be.

Ms. Duplissie: I do want the taxpayers to think that they are going to have increase in taxes for this referendum.

Mr. DiFederico: The problem is why test scores still low, CMT and SAT. Explain that if the programs are not working then whose fault is it. Money does not matter there are programs that do work but they may not work and who fault is it for those low scores.

Mr. Rinaldi: You noticed I did not mention the Board of Ed because I have always felt the only thing the council votes on is the bottom line. I cannot tell them how and where to spend the money. I the only thing I can do when I see the final bottom line is make a decision. Most of my concerns are on the Town side of the budget.

Ms. Rosa: Hemingway the people in town have a right to determine where their town hall is. My opinion that is not what we are doing, my understanding when we started talking to the Town Manager only to move people in there to save money. \$100,000.00 a year is a lot of money and that is what we paying in rent. It will take us 3 years to make up the amount of money we are asking for and put back in the general fund. We are keeping empty buildings and insuring them for a long time. We should moving people into that building and get out of

the rents that we are paying. Why should we the tax people pay for that. The money is in the general fund take it out do the work you have to do and put it back. In the meantime you are not paying the bonds and interest and not borrowing money.

I support education but not frivolously and I think the board members and the Superintendent have that same philosophy. They are doing the best they can and I understand that. But I also believe we cannot afford a 3.9 increase. The salaries of the town employees total almost one million that is a lot of money. Many firms are not giving raises right now so employees can stay employed and continue to collect a decent salary, continue to receive good health benefit and safe for another year until the economy improves. Instead in Watertown we want a raise and deserve it add all that money up it is coming out of the pockets of town residents and a lot of them do not have it. I have to be a voice for them to and balance my concerns for what is right for the town and education and the people who cannot afford a tax increase. To save enough money to let the system function with all programs it has and the town to function that the employees have to think about a wage freeze. I do not believe a raise in this economy is a fair thing to ask for. The contacts were negotiated at a time when the economy is not what it is now and please stop and think and help us one year to get through this time and not make cuts.

Mr. Primini: The goal of the subcommittee was to maintain services without any layoffs. Our collection rate is 99.4% that shows they have been working diligently. In order to have economic development in town is going to look at education system and public safety. We would love to add 2 more police men. Nobody wants to cut positions. Hemingway is in the hands of the public buildings. Were bonded and hate to borrow any money. We are just asking for help from all the unions and what we can do to bring this down. Those numbers were not cast in stone. The books in school needed to be updated. Let's get a temporary roof on Town Hall. We do not get this many at a Town Council meeting and hear the differences of opinions.

Ms. Rosa: I would offer a suggestion we decide what we would like the Town Manager to do while we are in the discussion phases. We defeat the motion on the floor and make a new motion.

All Opposed. Defeated

Ms. Rosa: I would suggest we wait until the meeting with the teachers to see if we have any savings from that end. We will have that information and if the town manager is asked to talk to our unions and see what concessions we reach we put the information from the town sources together.

Ms. Adams: We authorize the manager to go back to talk to unions about contracts. In essence the rate structure that was agreed upon do you have to open up the contract.

Mr. Frigon: Not if you are looking strictly for concessions. The contract remains in force. If you are looking for concessions on both sides that is a little bit different.

Mr. Primini: I think we should open it up to authorize Town Manager to meet with unions.

Ms. Duplissie: Does it have to be on the town side, a formal request, or can Mr. Frigon just go to the various unions.

Ms. Adams: I think it has to be a council vote.

Ms. Duplissie: Does it have to be formal basis.

Ms. Rosa: I will make a motion that council request the Town Manager to approach unions and general governments or any concession there are willing to give us and we need that response by May 4th.

Ms. Adams: By charter does that put us legal to authorize the manager to go back and talk to the unions if there is anything at all. It is not anything specific just to see what they can do to help.

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Mr. DiFederico) The council requests the Town Manger to approach unions and general governments for any concessions they are willing to give us and we need that response by May 4th.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Consider a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to place an application to the State Department of Economic and Community Development for a \$300,000 Small Cities Community Development Program.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, federal monies are available under the Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C § 5301, et. seq., as amended, also known as Public Law 93-383, and administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development as the Connecticut Small Cities Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disburse such federal monies to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Watertown make an application to the State for \$300,000 in order to undertake and carryout a Small Cities community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the CGS.

2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Watertown in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 is hereby approved and that Town Manager, Charles Frigon, is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, to carryout approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Watertown.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 19th day of April, 2010.

Raymond Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

On April 19, 2010, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilwoman Duplissie. The resolution was supported by Ms. Adams.

Resolution was declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Ms. Adams) I move to approve the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to place an application to the State Department of Economic and Community Development for a \$300,000 Small Cities Community Development Program.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Consider adopting the Town of Watertown Fair Housing Resolution.

**TOWN OF WATERTOWN
FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

Whereas,	All American citizens are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and
Whereas,	State and Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, lawful source of income, sexual orientation, familial status, be given equal access to rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and
Whereas,	The Town of Watertown is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the

neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the **Town of Watertown** hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing for adequate housing of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis: and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Manager of the Town of Watertown or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Watertown

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 19th day of April, 2010.

Raymond Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

On April 19, 2010, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilwoman Duplissie. The resolution was supported by Ms. Adams

Resolution was declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Ms. Adams) I move to adopt the Town of Watertown Fair Housing Resolution.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Consider a resolution appointing an auditor for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 audit.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town has requested bid proposals for auditing the financial Statements of the Town of Watertown for the second year of a three year period;

WHEREAS, Blum Shapiro and Co. PC, has submitted a proposal and recommended because of past performance and rate structure to continue auditing the financial statements of the Town of Watertown and the Watertown Board of Education for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010, for a cost of \$42, 250.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Watertown hereby appoints BLUM SHAPIRO and COMPANY, formerly SCULLY AND WOLF, 29 South Main St., West Hartford, CT to conduct the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010 audit,

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 19th day of April, 2010.

Raymond Primini, Chairman

Watertown Town Council

At a Town council meeting held on april 19, 2010, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilwoman Duplissie. The motion was supported by Councilwoman Adams.

Resolution was declared adopted.

Susan King, Clerk

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Ms. Adams) I move to approve the resolution appointing auditors Blum Shapiro and Company, PC for the second year of a three year contract for a fee of \$42,250 to conduct the June 30, 2010 year ending audit.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

f. Consider authorizing the Town Manager to an agreement with the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 regarding an Interim Senior Center Director.

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Ms. Adams) I move to authorize the Town Manager to extend an agreement with the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 regarding an Interim Senior Center Director until July 1, 2010.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

g. Consider the adoption of the Suspense List as recommended by the Tax Collector.

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Ms. Adams) I move the adoption of the Suspense List as recommended by the Tax Collector.

Mary DiSisto: Those are accounts that we consider uncollectable, people that have gone bankrupt, people that have passed away, and it is just to make the collectable figure more realistic.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

h. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items.

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Mr. DiFederico) I move to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items.

Ms. Adams: The \$10,000.00 for removing snow over time into the legal account how are we doing that if we are already transferring and it is just the beginning of April, is this projected to give us up to the end of year are looking for more transfers do you have a sense of that.

Mr. Nardelli: I do not think it is going to get us through the end of the year it should last us a couple more months depending on what happens.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, expenses in the 2009-10 fiscal year require the transfer of funds:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by vote of the Watertown Town Council, that the following actions are taken relative to the transfer of funds.

GENERAL FUND – LEGAL

AMOUNT: \$10,000 NO: 1
FROM: 010-50310-032-0000 – Snow Overtime
TO: 010-50334-041-0000 – Legal
REASON: Additional Funds Required.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 19th day of April 2010.

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

At a regular meeting of the Watertown Town Council held on Monday, April 19, 2010, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilwoman Ms. Duplissie. The motion was supported by Councilman Mr. DiFederico.

Motion declared adopted.

Susan King
Clerk

i. Consider a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$13,000 for the General Fund for tax refunds.

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Ms. Adams) I move to adopt the resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$13,000 from the General Fund for tax refunds.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, taxpayers have applied for Tax Refunds pursuant to Section 12-129, Refund of Excess Payments; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommended that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129; and
WHEREAS, in order to refund taxpayers who have been approved for their refunds, monies must be appropriated into the budget line item to expend the funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council appropriates \$13,000.00 to line item 010-50341-043-0102 from the General Fund.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 19th day of April 2010.

Raymond Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

On April 19, 2010, the foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Councilwoman Duplissie. The resolution was supported by Councilwoman Adams.

Resolution declared adopted.

Susan King
Clerk

j. Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Taxpayers have made application for the property tax refunds in accordance with Section 12-129 Refund of Excess Payment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the following tax refunds:

3,198	ALD CAPITAL CT LLC	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 275.67
		TYPE: R
	679 BROADWAY	
	BAYONNE NJ 07002 0000	
	REASON FOR REFUND: DUPLICATE PAYMENT.	
3,251	KENNEY ROBERT	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 1,722.60
		TYPE: R
	213 PORTER ST	
	WATERTOWN CT 06795 0000	
	REASON FOR REFUND: DUPLICATE PAYMENT.	
3,281	KHAZZAJA JOHN D OR	AMOUNT OF REFUND: 50.53
	KHAZZAKA RICHARD	TYPE: M
	1021 BUCKINGHAM ST	
	WATERTOWN CT 06795 1629	

REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,282 KHAZZAKA JOHN D OR AMOUNT OF REFUND: 79.52
KHAZZAKA RICHARD J TYPE: M
1021 BUCKINGHAM ST
WATERTOWN CT 06795 1629
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,294 D'ANGELO MICHAEL L AMOUNT OF REFUND: 382.70
TYPE: R
460 FAIRFIELD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06708 8404
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,295 DILLON LUISA M AMOUNT OF REFUND: 311.08
TYPE: R
21 VAN ORMAN ST
OAKVILLE CT 06779 9192
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,298 MASTROMONACO RALPH & SHARON AMOUNT OF REFUND: 1,254.00
TYPE: R
175 BAYVIEW CIRCLE
WATERTOWN CT 06795 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,299 MIKENAS EDWARD AMOUNT OF REFUND: 346.89
& CAMILLE A TYPE: R
151 FRENCH ST
WATERTOWN CT 06795 5292
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,300 PAGLIARULO MARCIE S AMOUNT OF REFUND: 226.04
TYPE: R
104 WYMAN RD
GROTON CT 01450 0140
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,302 ROSS JASON A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 53.71
ROSS-CEDENO MARTHA TYPE: R
BURTON ST
WATERTOWN CT 06795 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,303 TEIXEIRA AMARO D AMOUNT OF REFUND: 35.81
& YVETTE C TYPE: R

170 PEPPERIDGE TREE RD
WATERTOWN CT 06795 5180
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,304 BOUFFARD DAVID J OR AMOUNT OF REFUND: 100.71
BOUFFARD MARY A TYPE: M
347 FALLS AVE
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1411
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,305 CAMPBELL KEVIN P AMOUNT OF REFUND: 13.88
TYPE: M
2373 LITCHFIELD RD
WATERTOWN CT 06795 1015
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,306 CAMPBELL KEVIN P AMOUNT OF REFUND: 231.97
TYPE: M
2373 LITCHFIELD RD
WATERTOWN CT 06795 1015
REASPM FPR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,307 CAMPBELL KEVIN P AMOUNT OF REFUND: 74.39
TYPE: M
2373 LITCHFIELD RD
WATERTOWN CT 06795 1015
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,308 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 234.61
TYPE: M
133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06706 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,309 VERAB JAMIE P AMOUNT OF REFUND: 12.73
TYPE: M
59 FIUME ST
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1143
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,311 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 283.09
TYPE: M
133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06706 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,312 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 330.80
TYPE: M

133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY, CT 06706 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,313 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 25.04
TYPE: M

133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06706 0000
REASON FOR REFUND; PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED

3,314 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 243.01
TYPE: S

133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06706 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,315 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 26.75
TYPE: M

133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06706 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,316 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 40.81
TYPE: M

133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06706 000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,317 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 45.34
TYPE: M

133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06706 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,318 DANTINO HELEN H AMOUNT OF REFUND: 51.16
TYPE: M

133 EDGEWOOD AVE
WATERBURY CT 06706 0000
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,319 BOUFFARD DAVID J OR AMOUNT OF REFUND: 109.58
BOUFFARD MARY A TYPE: M

347 FALLS AVE
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1411

REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,320 BOUFFARD DAVID J OR AMOUNT OF REFUND: 122.18
BOUFFARD MARY A TYPE: M

347 FALLS AVE

OAKVILLE CT 06779 1411

REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,321 BOUFFARD DAVID J OR AMOUNT OF REFUND; 115.10
BOUFFARD MARY A TYPE: M

347 FALLS AVE

OAKVILLE CT 06779 1411

REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,322 BOUFFARD DAVID J OR AMOUNT OF REFUND: 106.17
BOUFFARD MARY A TYPE: M

347 FALLS AVE

OAKVILLE CT 06779 1411

REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,323 BOUFFARD DAVID J OR AMOUNT OF REFUND: 98.54
BOUFFARD MARY A TYPE; M

347 FALLS AVE

OAKVILLE CT 06779 1411

REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,325 PERVAIZ NAZ AMOUNT OF REFUND; 231.82
TYPE: M

PO BOX 893

WATERTOWN CT 06795 0000

REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,334 NISSAN INFINITI LT AMOUNT OF REFUND: 43.62
REFUND DEPT TYPE; M

PO BOX 650214

DALLAS TX 75265 0000

REASON FOR REFUND; PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,335 PHAM TRUNG AMOUNT OF REFUND: 218.54
TYPE: M

9 SQUIRE CT

OAKVILLE CT 06779 1547

REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,336 RUSNAK JOSEPH AMOUNT OF REFUND: 53.96
TYPE: M

297 BEACH AVE
WATERTOWN CT 06795 2028
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,337 RUSNAK JOSEPH AMOUNT OF REFUND: 105.66
TYPE: M

297 BEACH AVE
WATERTOWN CT 06795 2028
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,338 PHAM TRUNG AMOUNT OF REFUND: 295.81
TYPE: M

9 SQUIRE CT
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1547
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,339 PHAM TRUNG AMOUNT OF REFUND: 267.19
TYPE: M

9 SQUIRE CT
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1547
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,340 PHAM TRUNG AMOUNT OF REFUND: 267.61
TYPE: M

9 SQUIRE CT
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1547
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.

3,341 BRODY JAMES AMOUNT OF REFUND: 105.31
& SHARON TYPE: R
216 LAKE DR
BETHLEHEM CT 06751 0000
REASON FOR REFUND; PER ASSESSOR, VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,342 CAMRAC INC AMOUNT OF REFUND: 13,439.70
TYPE: M

8 ELLA GRASSO TPKE
WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096 1015
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

TOTAL FOR ALL REFUNDS: 22,033.63

DATED AT WATERTOWN, CT THIS 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

RAYMOND F. PRIMINI, CHAIRMAN

MOTION: (Ms. Duplissie, sec. Ms. Adams) I move to adopt the resolution authorizing tax refunds.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **Public Participation – Discussion**

Tom Lambert – Board of Education

I want to thank the board for taking the reasonable and measured approach. To wait to see if we can get any concessions from our bargaining units before you put the final number up.

George Vailitis – 647 Linkfield Road

I agree with Mr. Winn. What you said most of it I agree but that is only symptoms because it is every year the teachers have to give up, it is a symptom, It is not correction, it is not healed. They are still sick and you are prescribing symptoms. Right now this year there is a chance to correct that sickness. The project on Buckingham and Nova Scotia involving the 62 homes could cost the town around \$400,000.00 in the red or it could be 1/2 millions in the black every year, it depends how the P&Z is going to handle. Right now it passed Wetlands; there is some debate because they passed it on the RG zone when the project is actually in an R30 zone. P&Z promised them there will be no problem changing the zone to RG. Let see what is going to happen because for every new home there is usually 1.8 child of school age. So if you take 8,000.00 a year per kid. 1 1/2 kids per home it is \$12,000.00. For every new home there is net loss. That usually repeats from a couple of years to about 14 years. The projects that were okayed in the last 6 years there is over \$100,000.00 loss in the 14 year period. That could be corrected through two commissions mainly the one that starts off PZ with the project 62 which started with the Conservation Commission then going into the project with PZ. Let see what is going to happen in the next 2 months because that is going to depend if the budget pass or not. This situation about teachers giving the money could be corrected for a very long time at least 12 years or more. It depends on the cost of the project and how they are going to handle it.

Larry Black – 245 Northfield Road – Fire Chief

On the town side of the budget one thing that has worked extremely well for many years and which worked well this year for you is that has been neglected tonight. You asked the Town Manager to come to you on our side of the budget with a zero increase. He worked very diligently with his department heads and Mr. Nardelli and brought that back to you. We worked very hard at it and it was a painful process especially a second year in a row. Some departments gave you less than zero percent increase. You are asking him to meet with the unions which I think is a little unfair. His job and you pay him and we all pay him through our taxes is to find the best way to come up with amount figure that you are looking for. So I think what you need to do is to consider asking him to come up with a figure and you do not know what that is yet because you are waiting for figures on the Board of Ed. When you reach that point you should be giving him that figure and let him work with his department heads and come up with that. It should not matter where it comes from; it should not have to aimed at employees who work very hard for you all the time. It should be aimed as a general statement to your Town Manager who is paid to do that work to come up with a figure that

you are looking for.

Mr. Rinaldi: When you arrive at the cuts we are going to be making on the town side can you give us a break out list.

Mr. Primini: I agree with you on that. I just want to mention when we met with the Board of Ed we just did not feel it was fair that we approach a few unions and not all. We are simply asking for some help and anything we can get to get below that 1.55.

Al Mickel – 95 Woodvine Avenue

Tonight we heard that moving people out of Depot Square to Hemingway would save \$100,000.00 that could go a long ways in paying back the \$350,000.00 that the secret committee decided would be needed to get into Hemingway. But how does this secret committee know that \$350,000.00 is enough money to do that job. I heard no discussion on this at all. I also heard that for the \$50,000.00 for the EDC the trip to Las Vegas was not in there. There were line items that identified the \$50,000.00. Again whoever was in the secret committee if they share that it would be terrific?

Gary Lafferty – 214 Belden Street

You are going to save \$100,000.00 a year if you move the people out of Depot Mall. I still feel that they should take the people out of the Town Hall first especially under the health and safety conditions that are there now. My feeling save the \$80,000.00 for the roof and just get rid of the building. I went through one of the tours with the building committee year in the basement the pillars are like powder and the foundation is worse.

Mary DiSisto – 1404 Buckingham Street – Tax Collector

I would like to reinforce what Mr. Black had to say who as the Town Council asked our Town Manager to come back to you with a zero percent increase. Which he did at no time did you ever go back to him and ask him for additional cuts. I believe that what Mr. Black has said is up front, that he should come back to all the departments and ask us what kind of cuts we can make to help you accomplish what you need to do.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: (Mr. Rinaldi, sec. Mr. DiFederico) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:10 pm..

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk