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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**APRIL 6, 2009**

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Silas Deane Middle School.

Present: Councilors Cascio, Console, Forrest, Hemmann, Kotkin, Roberts, Walsh, Deputy Mayor Montinieri, and Chairperson Adil.

Also present: RaeAnn Palmer, Assistant to the Town Manager and Amy Bello, Assistant Town Clerk.

Councilor Kotkin led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

RaeAnn Palmer, Assistant to the Town Manager, said that Peter Gillespie, Town Planner is on vacation. She reviewed the following monthly report:

RECENTLY APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS/NEW BUSINESSES

**1025 Silas Deane Highway – Hartford Medical Group Office Building**

A building permit application has now been issued and construction has started on a 19,205 s.f. medical office building for the Hartford Medical Group at the Wethersfield Shopping Center.

**326 Silas Deane Highway - Nirvana Salon Academy**

Permit applications have been issued to allow this local business to relocate, reuse and renovate the former Abbate Florist on the Silas Deane Highway.

**1290 Silas Deane Highway – Technical Training School**

The PZC has approved the use of an entire floor (22,000 s.f.) in the 1290 Silas Deane Highway office building. The tenant is a technical training school.

**1267-1309 Silas Deane Highway – Harry’s Wine and Liquor (Goff Brook Shoppes)**

The PZC has approved plans to renovate the vacant 8,000 s.f. space in the Goff Brook Shops formerly occupied by Baby Boom.

**512 Silas Deane Highway – Connecticut Outfitters**

Connecticut Outfitters - a sport fishing store has just opened in the former Acme Auto store space on the Silas Deane Highway. They relocated to Town from Hartford.

**982-990 Silas Deane Highway – Mila Fabric - Facade**

Construction has commenced by the owner of 982-990 Silas Deane Highway for the creation of 2 new facades on these buildings. At the present time one of the buildings is being used for storage and the other building houses Mila Fabric and New England Patio and Hearth. The Town is assisting with a façade loan for both of these projects.

**486 Silas Deane Highway – Tim Horton’s – Cold Stone Creamery**

Electrical and Plumbing permits have been filed for the addition of a Cold Stone Creamery counter in this business.

**DEVELOPER/PROPERTY OWNER/REALTOR CONTACT**

- Meeting was held with individual interested in renovating the former Masonic Building on Main Street.
- Discussed permit issues for Comstock Ferre property with interested architect.
- Met with business representatives interested in opening a produce store in the Goff Brook Shops.
- Met with owner of the Alpine House looking for additional space for product storage.
- Met with Peter Mirabelli interested in expanding his business into the space formerly occupied by Monroe Muffler.
- Responded to site selector request for space for Call Center. Looking for building that could accommodate 300-400 work stations.

**SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

- Continuing to work with CRCOG representative to discuss possible options and locations for new bus shelters at key locations on the Silas Deane Highway and in other locations in Town. Meeting scheduled for April 8.
- Waiting to hear about our STEAP application for \$500,000 for the remaining funding necessary to complete the streetscape improvements in front of Town Hall.
- A funding request has been made through the office of Congressman Larson to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$1.5 million to be used for additional segments of the streetscape improvements on the Silas Deane Highway.
- Continuing to work with Hartford City Officials on the Wethersfield Avenue- Silas Deane Highway Streetscape project as part of the federal stimulus plan.

**OTHER NEWS AND INITIATIVES**

**Economic Development and Improvement Commission**

- We received approval from the State OPM to use portions of our recent \$200,000 STEAP grant for the Silas Deane Highway Façade Program. This will allow us to extend the available funding for this program. I have attached a copy of the status report on available funding for the program.
- A 5 year tax incentive request has been approved by Town Council for the owner of 291 Ridge Road to assist with the financing of an 80 bed assisted living facility as Phase 2 of this project. The applicant estimates that this 70,000 s.f. project with construction costs of approximately \$7 million will be completed by the Fall of 2010.
- The Commission is working on the details for a breakfast seminar to be held at the Country Club. The date and time is not yet set.
- The Commission is continuing to work on a draft of the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

**Redevelopment Agency**

- Received 6 responses to the RFP for consulting services to prepare a redevelopment analysis and Plan for the Fun Zone property. Interviews were held during the first week in March.

**Tourism**

- Volunteers are working on significant updates and redesign to the Historic Wethersfield website.
- Working with Central CT Tourism District to encourage bus tour operators to schedule visits to Town
- Progress is being made for the possible start up of a Farmers Market in 2009. The PZC will review this request at a hearing in early April.

**Preserve America**

- We are continuing to work with the State on the award of \$115,000 towards the gateway project at Marsh Street. We are working on plans in anticipation of putting the project out to bid in the near future. The State has requested additional permitting for the project prior to the bid process.
- A subcommittee is beginning work on the details of the wayfinding signage program and will be releasing an RFP for the sign details in the near future. The Town has been awarded a \$90,000 grant from the Preserve America Program to assist with this project.

**Noteworthy**

- Received a draft GIS survey of Town Departments from outside consultant. Presently reviewing plan with affected Town Departments.
- Working on some changes to our Land Use Fee Ordinance to be submitted for Council consideration in the near future. Presently reviewing draft with all affected departments and commissions.
- Beginning process to review and update Town's subdivision regulations. These regulations have not been comprehensively updated since the 1960's.
- Working on RFP for consultant to update 2000 Plan of Conservation and Development.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Chairperson Adil read the Proclamation for Public Health Week.

Diane Doot, a Wethersfield Representative to the Connecticut Health District, thanked the Town Council for its support of the Central Connecticut Health District and Public Health Week. She said that the District has a very fine website and urged people to look at it for more information on the District.

Chairperson Adil read the Proclamation for Arbor Day.

Rob Garrey, Wethersfield Village Improvement Association, said that the Village Improvement Association is happy to host Arbor Day again and get the tree. The Webb House lost its Sugar Maple tree so a hardier Maple tree will be planted to replace it. This year's tree is of significant

size. Hutchinson Landscaping has donated this tree. The Village Improvement Association is donating \$3,000 for tree replacements in Town. It is also starting a 375 tree planting program in honor of the Town's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Chairperson Adil read the Proclamation for National Donate Life Month.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Miller, 45 Highland Street, commented on the Wilkus property. He asked who is representing the Wethersfield taxpayers. The Town Council delegated all of its authority to a California based Land Trust. Most of the issues are engineering and development in nature and can be answered by the local talent. He said that this was not a misguided group of people who started the petition drive. It won't be minority voting at the May referendum. There were mixed signors across both parties. He said that he had questions from the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said that the price dropped \$600,000. He said that the latest appraisal is based on doubtful information. The value is still falling. He said that the appraisals shouldn't be based on variances that may or may not be received. He said that the Land Trust is working in 30 Towns. He asked if the Town has discussed contributions that it will make to the Trust or if the Wilkus Family will be making a contribution. He said that it is highly unlikely that a developer will be able to get 50 building lots out of the Wilkus property. He said that it is misleading to say that the referendum will cost \$16 per household per year. He said that the \$3,500,000 will be a line item in the budget for years to come and will compete with education spending and recreation money. The Town Council should just rescind its vote. Wethersfield doesn't have the money to throw away.

Brian Skeehan, 105 Straddle Hill, said he supports the purchase of the Wilkus Farm. He said that it takes good people to stop evil and misinformation. He said that people will come out to vote and it will be approved overwhelmingly.

Gus Colantonio, 16 Morrison Avenue, said that he asked for a legal opinion from the Town Attorney on Morrison Avenue and was told that he didn't have the time. He said that the Engineering staff can look at the street and take it to the Town Attorney. He discussed his concerns. He said that speed is also an issue. He is concerned with safety on his street. He said that it doesn't make sense to buy the Wilkus Farm when 40 acres can't be built on.

Robert Young, 20 Coppermill Road, said that he was glad to hear that the petition drive was a success and hopes the referendum will be held soon. He said that the amount paid for the purchase is over \$200,000 so the public should have the right to vote on the purchase. He said that the recent news about Pratt and Whitney will affect the State and Towns, too. He said that State leaders are talking about adding taxes. It is out of order in this economy. He said that he hopes the Town Council can do something to lower the taxes. He said that the Board of

Education should have a negative budget increase. He said that seniors live on pensions and asked what the Town will do when those people can't afford to live in Town anymore. He said that the Federal stimulus package won't help the small people but will bail out the banks.

George Ruhe, 956 Cloverdale Circle, said that he walks to the tune of a different drummer. He said that unemployment is up and the stock market is down. He said that at the last meeting he spoke of the importance of wisdom. He said that the Town Council exhibited wisdom. He said the decision to purchase the Wilkus Property will affect the quality of life for years. He said that the Wethersfield Taxpayers Association took on many issues regarding the quality of life in Town. It would now too if it had more active members. He said that the Town will never have this opportunity again to purchase this property. The Town Council must save elsewhere. He said that his taxes may go up but he supports the Town Council on this purchase. He said that the referendum is now a fact and hopes that the Town Council will not shortcut residents and will have all polling places open for the entire day.

Jim Woodworth, 5 River Road, said that the Town should save the farmland. He hopes the referendum will be the silver lining and that people will go out and support this purchase. This is the legacy of farmland that should be left for the grandchildren.

### COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilor Forrest said that the Clean Energy Committee met and is working on energy procurement of electricity. He said that the Committee is working on aligning the Town and Board of Education contracts.

Councilor Cascio said that the Memorial Day Parade Committee met and is still looking for input on Marshal. He said that he will have more updates for the Management report. He said that the Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Wethersfield Country Club. Honorees will include Town employees, volunteers, educators and public safety officials. He asked for support of the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Kotkin said that the Taste of Wethersfield was a great community event.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri said that the Wethersfield High School Dance Team came in first place in its recent tournament.

Chairperson Adil said that:

- The American Red Cross and Wethersfield Park and Recreation will be hosting a Cat and Dog First Aid class on April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Police Department's Community Room.
- Wethersfield Volunteer Recognition Night will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center Ballroom.

- The next Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Connecticut River Community Bank.
- The Arbor Day celebration will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Webb Deane Steven's Museum.
- The Central Connecticut Health District, in collaboration with the Town, is sponsoring a Heritage Trail Day on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Pitkin Community Center.

### COUNCIL ACTION

Deputy Mayor Montinieri moved **“TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BRUCE GRAVER TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION”** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Chairperson Adil asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Graver.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Deputy Mayor Montinieri moved **“TO APPOINT MELISSA BENGTON TO THE WETHERSFIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FOR A TERM FROM 4-6-09 TO 6-30-10”** seconded by Councilor Forrest.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Forrest moved **“TO SET A TOWN WIDE REFERENDUM TO ANSWER THE QUESTION: ‘SHALL THE TOWN COUNCIL’S RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE WILKUS PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF WILLOW STREET AND ON THE WEST SIDE OF THORNBUSH ROAD TAKE EFFECT’; AND TO SET THE REFERENDUM DATE OF MAY 12, 2009, AT ALL NORMAL POLLING PLACES FROM 6 AM TO 8 PM; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE AN EXPLANATORY TEXT”** seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Forrest moved **“TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$18,500 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT #1910 59250 TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: \$15,000 TO THE ELECTIONS ACCOUNT #1150 52220 FOR THE REFERENDUM EXPENSES AND \$3,500 TO THE TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNT #1110 52205 FOR THE EXPLANATORY TEXT EXPENSES”** seconded by Councilor Console.

RaeAnn Palmer, Assistant to the Town Manager, said that this motion will put the funding in place for the referendum. The Registrar of Voters' budget has \$10,000 in it that can be used for the referendum. An additional allocation is needed. Money will also be needed for the explanatory text printing and mailing. Police will be needed at the schools because classes will be in session. There is money in the police budget to cover this cost. In response to Councilors' questions, she said that she does not know the timeline for the explanatory text but will discuss it with the Town Manager and get that information to the Town Council. The explanatory text will be prepared by the Town Manager and Town Clerk's office and will be reviewed by the Town Attorney.

Councilor Cascio asked what the actual question was for the 2006 referendum.

RaeAnn Palmer, Assistant to the Town Manager, said it is "Shall the Town of Wethersfield appropriate \$4,000,000 for acquisition of land or an interest therein for open space, municipal, or recreational uses and authorize the issue of bonds and notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation?" She said that the Ordinance states that the land can be acquired after a referral of any proposed acquisition to the Town Planning and Zoning Commission for review pursuant to Section 8-24 and following a public hearing.

Councilor Cascio said that the word municipal was added to that bond ordinance so that property could be purchased for use for a municipal building if one was needed. There was some talk of building a school on the Thornbush Road property. He said that it isn't easy for developers to obtain permits to build on land. He asked what the permitting process requires.

RaeAnn Palmer said that Mike Turner, Director of Public Works, was at the meeting and would be able to answer that question.

Mike Turner, Director of Public Works, said that if a developer purchased the property, the developer would want to subdivide the property. The Town would look at the inland wetlands impact and then the Planning and Zoning would need to approve a site plan or subdivision. The developer may need to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance or to the State and or Federal governments.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Chairperson Adil asked that the Town Council be given the next steps in the referendum process.

Councilor Kotkin moved **"TO APPROVE THE TELEPHONE POLICY, AS ATTACHED, AND TO ADD IT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RULES AND PROCEDURES"** seconded by Deputy Mayor Montinieri.

Town Council members shall be able to listen to Council meetings by telephone, however every effort should be made by members to be at all meetings in person and the use of telephones should only be used on rare occasions. A meeting quorum can only be determined by the members that are physically present in the meeting room. No votes shall be allowed to be taken and no comments shall be made via a telephone.

The meeting will be held in a room open and accessible to members of the public, using teleconferencing equipment that enables everyone in the room to hear. Any printed materials, reports, graphs, etc. utilized by the person phoning in must be available in the meeting room.

RaeAnn Palmer said that this item is being brought back to the Town Council at the Mayor's request.

Councilor Hemmann asked why the policy was changed to allow no comment by the Councilor that is telephoning into the meeting. She said that it defeats the purpose of calling in.

Councilor Kotkin said that he called into a couple of meetings a few years ago. It was a convenience to him but he found that the listening end of the conversation by the person calling in was intrusive and awkward for the Councilors and the public that were at the meeting. He said that this avails the Councilor to listen to the meeting and hear what is happening. He said that the Councilor calling in can ask questions ahead of time that can be answered at the meeting.

Councilor Console said that he is glad to have this back on the agenda. He disagrees with the change. He said that the Councilor calling in may not know the questions ahead of time. He said that with the state of the art equipment in the new Council Chambers it should not be a problem to call in. He said that he agrees that the Councilor should not be able to vote via telephone but believes comments should be allowed.

Councilor Hemmann said that the Town Council has used successful technology for the Town Manager search. She said that looking at the present equipment, there shouldn't be any problem hearing. She said that the Town Councilors do their best to be at the meetings. She understands the importance of it but sometimes it isn't possible.

Chairperson Adil said that he supports Councilor Kotkin's change. He would like to start the process with listening and the next Town Council can revisit the issue.

Councilor Console asked if it would be acceptable to communicate via a lap top during the meeting. If he has a question, he can e-mail it to another Councilor.

RaeAnn Palmer said that the Council Chambers will be wired for laptops but the Town doesn't have the equipment.

Chairperson Adil said that he liked the suggestion of the laptop. He said that it is important to listen into the meetings. It is a good compromise.

Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilors Cascio, Console, and Hemmann voted NAY. The motion passed 6-3-0.

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO NAME THE MILL WOODS PARK ROAD ‘DICK DOBMEIER LANE’ IN RECOGNITION OF AND SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE THAT MR. DOBMEIER PROVIDED TO THE TOWN AND TO THE MILL WOODS PARK”** seconded by Councilor Roberts.

RaeAnn Palmer said that this is a request from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. Since the 1970’s, Mr. Dobmeier served to support and improve the parks in Town.

Kathy Bagley, Director of Park and Recreation, said that she knew Mr. Dobmeier for more than 20 years. He worked tirelessly for the improvement of the Town and the parks. She said that it was great working with him. This is a wonderful way to honor Mr. Dobmeier.

Bob Dobmeier, the son of Dick Dobmeier, said that his father loved Mill Woods Park and used it daily. He was appointed to the Park Board in 1990 and was an advocate for improving the park. He enjoyed seeing people use the park. He said that this is an honor and tribute to his father. He thanked the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for their diligent work. He said that his father loved working with Ms. Bagley.

Chairperson Adil said that he served as liaison to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and enjoyed working with Mr. Dobmeier. He said that it is a pleasure to recognize this fine man.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Kotkin moved **“TO TRANSFER \$7,984 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT # 1910 59250 TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS: \$5,000 TO ACCOUNT 1525 5004, PERMANENT PART TIME SALARY ACCOUNT; \$2,534 TO 1525 54412, IT EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE ACCOUNT; AND \$450 TO 1525 53361 6628, OFFICE SUPPLIES”** seconded by Deputy Mayor Montinieri.

RaeAnn Palmer said that the Town has received a little windfall from the State. It will defray some salary expenses for the Municipal Agent and allow the Town to purchase a laptop computer and some supplies. These expenses are not in the budget so the Town Council needs to appropriate it in the budget and then it will be offset by the revenue from the State grant. If appropriated, the Contingency balance will be \$223,196.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Roberts moved **“TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, A GRANT FOR THREE POLICE OFFICERS FOR THREE YEARS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COPS OFFICE”** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

RaeAnn Palmer said that this is part of a Federal Recovery Act Grant Program that will fund new police officers through the COPS Office of the Justice Department. The Town will then be responsible to fund the officers at 100 percent of the cost for one additional year. The officers will be assigned to patrol through the addition of a “community service officer” which would be added to each shift. That officer would be responsible for community outreach and responding to citizen concerns.

Jim Cetran, Police Chief, said that there is no set limit on the number of officers imposed by the grant. The Town decided that three officers would be what the Town could use.

Councilor Kotkin asked what the timeline was for the grant.

RaeAnn Palmer said that the grant paperwork has to be in by April 14<sup>th</sup>. She expects to hear in three to six months. She said that the funding can’t be used for already budgeted officers. This will bring the department up to 50 officers.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

## ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Bonnie L. Therrien, is empowered to execute, amend and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Wethersfield a grant in the amount of \$34,549 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to be used to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

### **AMENDMENT TO TOWN CODE CHAPTER 153 TREES AND SHRUBS, § 153-12 A. 2 TO CHANGE THE DIAMETER OF TREES THAT ARE PLANTED BY THE TOWN**

§ 153-12 [Arboricultural specifications and standards.](#)

The following specifications and standards are hereby established for the planting, trimming and removal of trees and shrubs in the public ways and public places of the Town:

#### A. Planting.

(1) The Tree Warden, in consultation with the Shade Tree Commission, shall develop a list of species suitable for planting below overhead utility lines. No other species shall be permitted. Trees prohibited for planting in public spaces shall be identified by the Commission.

(2) All trees to be planted will be not less than one and one half (1 ½) ~~two~~ inches in diameter of trunk at six inches above ground level.

(3) No tree shall be planted closer than two feet from the curb line or outer line of the sidewalk, except by special permit from the Tree Warden. All trees shall be planted at a spacing of between 40 and 60 feet from each other, depending on the species of the tree.

**[Amended 10-1-2007]**

(4) No tree shall hereafter be planted at or within 20 feet of an intersection.

**B. Trimming.**

(1) All trees and shrubs on public or private property which have branches overhanging a public street shall have said branches trimmed to a clearance height of 14 feet; all trees and shrubs on public or private property which have branches overhanging a public sidewalk shall have said branches trimmed to a clearance height of 10 feet. The Town Tree Warden may waive the provisions of this subsection for newly planted trees if he/she determines they do not interfere with public travel, obstruct the light of any streetlight or endanger public safety. All trees and shrubs on public or private property which have branches overhanging a public street shall have said branches trimmed to a clearance height of 14 feet; all trees and shrubs on public or private property which have branches overhanging a public sidewalk shall have said branches trimmed to a clearance height of 10 feet. The Town Tree Warden may waive the provisions of this subsection for newly planted trees if he/she determines they do not interfere with public travel, obstruct the light of any streetlight or endanger public safety.

(2) All deadwood, stubs, broken branches, badly formed branches, disease-infected and insect-infested branches and branches interfering with public travel, lighting, existing buildings and traffic signs shall be removed during the trimming operation, with consideration given to the symmetry and beauty of the tree or shrub.

**C. Removing.** All public trees and shrubs which are marked for cutting shall be completely removed from the growing site and disposed of in an authorized manner. The stump shall be ground out to a depth suitable for future planting of trees or turf.

**MINUTES**

Councilor Forrest moved **“TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2009”** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Kotkin abstained. The motion passed 8-0-1.

Councilor Forrest moved **“TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2009”** seconded by Councilor Roberts.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Cascio abstained. The motion passed 8-0-1.

Councilor Forrest moved **“TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2009”** seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Councilor Walsh asked that the Town Clerk's office staff listen to the tape and insert the motion for the Wilkus property as it was stated on the tape. It appears that the motion in the minutes was taken from the agenda packet but the actual motion was a little different.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Roberts moved **"TO APPROVE THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2009"** seconded by Councilor Hemmann.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Roberts moved **"TO APPROVE THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2009"** seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Walsh said that on the first page Officer Scales' name was stated as Scale.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. Councilor Kotkin abstained. The motion passed 8-0-1.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:10 p.m., Councilor Kotkin moved **"TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE NEGOTIATIONS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS – TOWN MANAGER SEARCH"** seconded by Deputy Mayor Montinieri. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0. RaeAnn Palmer, Assistant to the Town Manager also attended the executive session. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

At 9:23 p.m., Councilor Forrest moved **"TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION"** seconded by Councilor Hemmann. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:23 p.m., Councilor Hemmann moved **"TO ADJOURN THE MEETING"** seconded by Councilor Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Amy M. Bello  
Assistant Town Clerk

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