

SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 REGULAR MEETING

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on September 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Silas Deane Middle School.

Present: Councilors Adil, Cascio, Drake, Forrest, Kirsche, Kotkin, Walsh, Deputy Mayor Fortunato and Chairperson Morin.

Also present: Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager, and Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk.

All stood for the pledge of allegiance to the flag which was led by Councilor Kirsche.

Chairperson Morin announced that an Executive Session will be held following the regular meeting to discuss real estate negotiations.

Proclamation for Wethersfield Beautification Committee

Chairperson Morin asked Mr. & Mrs. Adil and all other members of the Beautification Committee present at the meeting to come forward for the presentation of the Proclamation. He read aloud the Proclamation expressing appreciation to the Committee on their 10th Anniversary of service to the Wethersfield community, which has included the creation of seventy in-ground gardens, over eighty large container gardens and the installation of twenty-five benches.

Mr. Sey Adil, Beautification Committee member, commented that serving on the Committee has been very satisfying and that close to three hundred people have volunteered through the years, with approximately forty current, very active members.

Mr. Dick Prentice, Beautification Committee Chairperson, stated that it is through the Beautification Trust that the relationship between the Town and the Beautification Committee exists and works so successfully. He thanked Town Officials, members of Town Commissions, and Town staff for their cooperation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HEARING

False Alarm Ordinance

No one wished to speak and the Chairperson declared the Hearing segment closed.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Edward Tevald, 894 Ridge Road, commented on the recent Hartford Courant article regarding the Historic District Commission's restrictions regarding vinyl windows. He questioned why some residents living in the Historic District are unaware of this fact and the regulations that apply to their property. Mr. Tevald questioned what role the Mayor and Town Manager play with regard to the Historic District Commission's regulations, and if they are both satisfied with the decisions made by the Commission. Mr. Tevald commented on another article which addressed the Town of Bloomfield sending their kids to schools in other towns. He said that this concept has caused problems for Wethersfield in the past. Mr. Tevald asked for the per pupil cost for Wethersfield and questioned how many students at Wethersfield High School are residents of Hartford, since Wethersfield taxes should go toward educating Wethersfield children.

Chairperson Morin explained to Mr. Tevald that the Historical District Commission and the Historical Society are two separate entities. He said that, by Statute, neither the Town Manager nor the Town Council have any oversight over the Historical District Commission, although the Council appoints members to this commission.

No one else wished to speak and the Chairperson declared the General Comments segments closed.

COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilor Adil reported that he attended the recent Building Committee meeting, many of the topics of which will be discussed later during this Council meeting. He reported that he attended last week's meeting of the EDIC at which concerns were raised regarding the upkeep of some properties along the Silas Deane Highway. He said that information was passed along to the Town Manager to address the concerns in accordance with the Town's Blight Ordinance. Councilor Adil stated that the Finance Committee is currently reviewing applications for the Silas Deane Highway façade improvements grant. Councilor Adil reported that he attended the recent meeting for all board and commissions members regarding information on Roberts Rules, Ethics, and Freedom of Information. Councilor Adil reported that appraisal forms for the Town Clerk have been forwarded to appropriate Wethersfield Town staff by the Budget and Personnel Committee and they have been asked to complete them and return them as soon as possible.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato reported on the meeting of the Shared Services Committee earlier in the evening and the Information and Technology Committee has been authorized by the Council to work with the Library Board and the Board of Education to discuss activities for the next two years. She said that a brief presentation of the district's CAPT test scores was provided at the meeting, with a more detailed analysis of the data to be presented by the Board of Education on September 26. Deputy Mayor Fortunato said that the Board of Education has been responsive to insure that Wethersfield students are performing at or above the State levels. She said that an update of projects underway at school facilities was also provided at the meeting. Deputy Mayor Fortunato stated that the Board of Education had a positive insurance year and because of this, has funding to return to the Town.

Councilor Cascio reported that he met with members of Wethersfield's Channel 14 Community Television who are very excited about their new location at the Community Center, and are currently seeking volunteers to transfer all of their VHS components to DVD, as well as volunteers to help with the day to day administrative work at the location. Councilor Cascio said that the Board of Directors of Channel 14 seems to have resolved the signal quality issue, which is happening State-wide, with Cox Communications. Councilor Cascio stated that Robbins Barstow has announced that he will be retiring from Channel 14 once a replacement for his position is found. He said that Channel 14 is looking into public grants with, unfortunately, little success, and that they are willing and able to work the Town's booster groups to videotape and place their program on T.V. Councilor Cascio stated that the Chamber of Commerce meets the first Thursday of every month and reported that their Annual Cornfest last weekend was a great success.

Councilor Forrest reported that he recently ran in the Old Wethersfield 5k Run for mental health and said that every year the Town of Wethersfield keeps winning the Team Spirit Award for having the most participants on their team, with the Library having the best showing.

Chairperson Morin echoed Councilor Cascio's comments regarding the Annual Cornfest, and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their cooperative efforts with Town staff in continually making the event a success.

Councilor Adil announced that Wethersfield has been granted funding to receive twenty-one new electronic voting machines. He thanked the Town Clerk for putting together the Proclamation recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the Beautification Committee. He said that the Committee, of which his parents are both members, is very active in Town and a wonderful group of close to three hundred people involved along with Town staff. Councilor Adil said that it would be great to see young people involved as well.

Councilor Cascio asked the Town Manager to explain what the triangular white signs are along Wells Road and Wolcott Hill Road leading up to the intersection. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that she does not know what the signs are for. Councilor Cascio said that it is his understanding that the signs are there to indicate that an MDC project will be taking place in that area. Town Engineer Mike Turner said that the signs are for an MDC project and

are currently folded in half and will be unfolded to reveal printing on the signs and that the signs will be taken down when the project is complete. Councilor Cascio said that he has received a number of phone calls regarding the MDC referendum and why Towns need to be involved in the referendum if the issue is federally mandated. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that by MDC Charter, any bond authorization has to go through a vote of the member towns first, and if it doesn't pass, then the State and Federal Government become involved. Councilor Cascio asked if the funds would still have to come from the Town even if the issue goes to the Federal government. The Town Manager said that any costs not paid for by Federal Grants will have to come from the member towns. Councilor Cascio asked if the Town loses any control if the referendum fails and the MDC has to go to the Federal government. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that if the referendum is passed by the voters, the MDC runs the project along with a Town Manager/Engineer subcommittee. Councilor Cascio thanked the Town Manager, her Assistant Rae Ann Palmer, and Town Engineer Mike Turner for information they provided to him regarding the paving projects throughout Town. Councilor Cascio commented that Spring and Fall are normally the best times for planting, and he asked if a time schedule has been set for the planting of the trees that some Council members approved of during budget deliberations. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that until the State approves the plan, the planting will not occur; probably not until next Spring.

Councilor Drake said that he'd like to be provided with an update on the Senior Tax Resolution from the Budget Committee. The Town Manager said that she will look into this and she will work with Councilor Adil to get a Budget Committee date together.

Town Clerk Dolores Sassano reported that the Town of Wethersfield was contacted by a Rocky Hill resident who was concerned about a recent motorcycle rally through Wethersfield and Rocky Hill which tied up traffic for some twenty minutes. She said that the Rocky Hill resident is requesting that such events be posted so that residents are aware of them.

Chairperson Morin stated that he attended a September 11 memorial event held by Company 1 of the Wethersfield Fire Department in honor of the three Wethersfield residents who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, as well as the first responders. Chairperson Morin commented that the new electronic voting machines to be received by the Town are very easy to use and will provide a paper trail. He said that the appropriate elections staff will be receiving training. He said that he has requested of the Town Manager that once the machines are delivered, that a "test run" of them be provided for the public so they won't seem so intimidating on Election Day.

COUNCIL ACTION

Councilor Adil moved "**TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE OF THE WETHERSFIELD CODE**", seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that residents have expressed concern about registering their home alarms; therefore, it is being proposed that the False Alarm Ordinance be amended so that the renewal for business and commercial alarm subscribers will be annually and every three years for residents.

Councilor Cascio asked if the reference in §78-6 of the Ordinance is clear enough to indicate that the Council can enforce the fines. The Town Manager said that the Town has been following this section and quite a lot of people have paid already.

Councilor Kirsche verified that these are the final recommendations approved by the Police Department as well as the Budget and Finance Committee. The Town Manager answered that they are.

Councilor Kotkin explained that because there is often personnel turnover with commercial establishments, there will be a software issue to keep an updated record of the contact person for these businesses; therefore it was decided that they should be required to renew every year. He said that it was determined that every three years for residents is reasonable.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Application to U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program

Councilor Walsh moved **"TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF AWARDED, A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT DIRECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR VIDEO DETECTIVE"**, seconded by Councilor Adil.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that it is seeking applications for the fiscal year 2006 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program which provides smaller communities and rural areas with technology and equipment, together with training and technical assistance to help enhance first responder capabilities. She said that the proposed equipment will cost \$49,950 if the Town purchases it, and will assist the Police Department in utilizing video tape from security cameras in solving crimes such as bank and retail robberies. The Town Manager said that there is no matching fund requirement for the funding.

Councilor Adil commented that he recalls the quality of the tapes received by the Police Department often being poor and this equipment will improve their chances of catching the perpetrators.

Councilor Cascio asked if there will be a contract accompanying the equipment when it is received by the Town. The Town Manager answered that she assumes there will be, since this information is now asked on all of the Town's bids.

Councilor Drake said that this is an expensive piece of equipment, and asked if the Town will have to budget for maintenance costs each year if the equipment is received. The Town Manager said that she will have to check on this. She said that should the Council vote to move forward with the motion this evening, and are not satisfied with the answers to their questions, they can always vote in the future not to accept the equipment. Councilor Drake commented that this expensive piece of equipment seems like something that would be more appropriate for the State Police, and he suggested that the cost and accessibility of the equipment possibly be shared with Newington and Rocky Hill. He said that although he supports the motion, he is concerned about the possible future costs of software updating for the equipment.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato stated that she will be abstaining from the vote due to professional reasons.

Councilor Walsh stated that a lot of surveillance already comes into the Police and this equipment, because of its quality, may be a great tool. He thanked Rae Ann Palmer, Assistant to the Town Manager, and Police Chief Cetran for working together to provide quality equipment and services to the Town's law enforcement department.

Councilor Kirsche said that he supports the motion; however he'd like to find out if there is training provided when the equipment is received, and how costly the training will be. The Town Manager said that she will check into this.

Chairperson Morin said that he supports the motion and agreed with Councilor Drake's comment that consideration should be given to cooperating with other communities such as Newington and Rocky Hill.

All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. Deputy Mayor Fortunato ABSTAINED. The motion passed 8-0-1.

Report from Town Hall/Library Renovation Project Architect Peter Wells - Council Chambers

Architect Peter Wells from Tuthill and Wells came forward to present a report on the Town Hall/Library Renovation

project. Mr. Wells introduced Joe Coombs, Chairman of the Town Hall/Library Building Committee with whom he has been working. Mr. Wells explained that, regarding the Council Chambers, he has checked what is available in Connecticut as to the appropriate work station to use that would not require a custom design. He said that he has found a company in Norwich that produces the work stations. He said that access from the Town Manager's Office to the Council Chambers was discussed, as well as ADA access from outside the Council Chambers and to the podium. Mr. Wells explained that the installation will include fire rated sprinklers underneath as well as sound installation. He said that a free-standing low wall will be constructed to serve as a screen to the work stations as well as a means to distribute electronic hookups from the floor to the work stations. He said that a similar technique will be used for the podium. Mr. Wells explained that the lighting will be changed to two basic systems consisting of ambient lighting and concealed cove lighting around the perimeter of the room. He said that the floor will be carpeted, the walls will be resurfaced with a wood veneer over the current surface, and the ceiling will become one level rather than the two level style it had been. Mr. Wells said that the possibility of laptops for presentations (and other purposes) has been discussed with a projector screen for the public. He said that there is a decent budget for seating and the Fire Marshal has requested that the seating be linked together. Mr. Wells said that the television cubicle will be reconstructed and updated. He said that the plans provide for an updated, attractive Council Chambers.

Chairperson Morin suggested that the recommendations be forwarded to the Infrastructure Committee for their review.

Councilor Adil thanked Mr. Wells and Mr. Coombs and stated that the plan seems to provide for a very functional use of the room as both a Council Chambers and Emergency Management purposes. He said that as Council liaison to the Building Committee, he urged them to look at the room for other purposes as well. Councilor Adil asked if the handicapped accessibility will be from the front of the podium, and Mr. Wells said that they are looking at the possibility of putting the ramp at the back of the podium for accessibility from the adjacent room as well as a ramp on the public side of the podium. He said that he thinks it will be best to build the ramp on the public side of the podium so that it is accessible by both the public and the Councilors.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato clarified that if there were a wheelchair bound Councilor, he or she would be able to comfortably access his or her seat via the proposed ramp. Mr. Wells confirmed that they would be able to.

Councilor Cascio asked if the additional \$18,000 for the projected costs for chairs and miscellaneous furnishings is for chairs and benches for the entire Council Chambers or for just the Councilor's chairs on the podium. Mr. Wells clarified that the amount is for the chairs and the replacement of the benches.

Chairperson Morin asked Mr. Wells to take a look at what other communities who have recently renovated their Council Chambers have done. He said that he'd like to see the Chambers have everything possible to be functional and nicer looking; however, he doesn't know if the idea of laptops will be feasible. He asked the Town Manager to convene a meeting as soon as possible that will include Town Engineer Mike Turner, Mr. Wells, Mr. Coombs, and members of the Infrastructure Committee.

Town Hall/Library Renovation Project - Recommendation for Increase to Scope of Work - Phase II

Councilor Adil moved "**TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SOLICIT CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR PHASE 2 OF THE TOWN HALL/LIBRARY RENOVATIONS THAT INCLUDE ALTERNATE OPTIONAL ITEMS THAT WERE NOT IN THE ORIGINAL SCOPE OF WORK**", seconded by Deputy Mayor Fortunato.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the Building Committee has approved the request from the Architect and Engineer to include alternate optional items in the scope of work because they believe that the work makes sense and it will be more cost effective to complete the items during renovations. She said that she is recommending that the Council authorize the bidding of the additional work as optional and hold further authorization until the bids come in and the financial impact can be more accurately assessed.

Councilor Adil said that he recalls Mr. Coombs recommending that these alternate items be included, and he asked Mr. Coombs to explain the unit cost bidding option. Mr. Coombs explained that the unit cost allows you to take into

consideration everything that will be considered to determine a cost per square foot. He said that sometimes it may be desirable to reduce the amount of work for cost reasons and that an alternate bid provides a total amount for something as an alternate whether the work will be done or not. Mr. Coombs said that he does not advise using this method as it never really works since the costs need to be bumped up to accommodate the rise in the cost of materials. Councilor Adil asked Mr. Turner to explain the cost savings to be realized by including the additional work in with the sprinkler system work. Mr. Turner said that the sprinkler system includes the sprinkling of the entire building and there may be an advantage for that contractor to not have the ceiling tiles in their way while working on the sprinklers and cost savings can be realized if the ceiling tiles are replaced at the same time as the sprinkler system work is done. Mr. Turner clarified that with regard to the alternate bidding system, the prices are obtained during the bidding process rather than after the fact when negotiating with contractors.

Councilor Drake stated that he appreciates the information and asked if this is something that the Council is supposed to vote on this evening. Mr. Turner explained that only the Council can increase the scope of work on the project and the Building Committee cannot even bid on anything that the Council has not authorized. Councilor Drake said that he didn't think the bond was that specific; however Mr. Turner said that the bond is very specific to not only advise the Council, but also solicit their approval for any changes.

Chairperson Morin said that he is willing to support the motion; however, he feels that some of this additional work should have been caught earlier by the architect and support staff when developing the original plan for the renovations. He suggested to Mr. Turner and Mr. Coombs that whenever a proposal is reviewed in the future, that they take into account what's going on with the whole building.

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

Mr. Coombs extended an invitation to the Councilors and staff members present to view the downstairs of the Town Hall after the Council meeting to see what has been done so far to the Library. Chairperson Morin suggested that perhaps prior to the next meeting, the Councilors could take a look at the Library.

BIDS

Rock Salt

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR SALT FOR ROADWAYS TO AMERICAN ROCK SALT AND MORTON SALT. THE COMBINED BID AWARDS ARE NOT TO EXCEED \$46,860**", seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that Town staff sent out bids to six salt vendors and received six responses. She said that after soliciting and reviewing competitive bids, staff has recommended awarding to American Rock Salt, and Morton Salt, the lowest responsible bidders. The Town Manager said that the Town will always go with the lowest bidder first, but if they do not have enough salt or cannot deliver in a timely manner, they would like to be able to go to the next bidder to receive the salt when needed.

Councilor Kotkin asked if there is any salt supply from last year that will be carried forward to this year. The Town Manager said that there is.

Councilor Adil commented that communities throughout the State and the State itself is opting to put down alternative chemicals on icy roads, and asked if this is something that the Town of Wethersfield expects to be pursuing as well in the future. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that this topic is on the CRCOG Municipal Services agenda this month.

Councilor Forrest asked if one of the vendors is considered the primary and the other the secondary vendor. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that American Rock Salt is the main vendor.

Chairperson Morin followed up on Councilor Adil's statements regarding alternative methods of road treatment in

asking the Town Manager to vigorously follow up on that since Connecticut is one of the few states throughout the northeast that uses sand anymore since it is not environmentally or economically feasible. He said that it is unfortunately too late to use an alternative method this year; however, he'd like to see the Town staff look into this for the future.

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

Repair of High School Tennis Courts

Councilor Walsh moved **"TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR REPAIR OF THE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS TO DALTON CONTRACTING, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,995"**, seconded by Councilor Kotkin.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that \$40,000 has been budgeted for the repair of the High School tennis courts. She said that five bids were mailed out with three of those vendors responding. The Town Manager said that staff is recommending Dalton's Armor Crack Repair option and that the Town has worked with them before.

Councilor Cascio asked about the time line for the repair of the tennis courts. Parks & Recreation Supervisor Kathy Bagley explained that the time line is weather-dependent with repairs to begin and finish this fall and if the weather does not cooperate, finish in the spring. Councilor Cascio asked if the High School Tennis Team will be made aware if the courts are not to be finished until the spring and Ms. Bagley said that they will be made aware.

Councilor Walsh pointed out that Vendor #2 offers an additional year of warranty for only an additional \$2,000 over Dalton's bid price. He asked if, being that repairs are expected to last anywhere from three to five years, if the warranty period is something that can be discounted. Ms. Bagley said that the difference in the warranty would be protective, but would not provide a lot of value. She said with the Armor Crack Repair the cracks don't open up as quickly and the repairs last three to five years depending on the conditions under the courts and the courts themselves.

Councilor Adil asked Ms. Bagley if three to five years from now she anticipates another patch job or a replacement of the courts. Ms. Bagley said that her Department has been looking at replacement and that the current maintenance is a stop gap measure for the next three to five years.

Councilor Kotkin asked how soon the repairs will commence if the Council approves the motion tonight. Ms. Bagley said that the two to three week process can begin next week. Councilor Kotkin commented that not one of the courts is in good shape and that repair work will need to take place on every court. Councilor Kotkin said that the High School Tennis team has an eight to nine week season and he would like to see the repairs completed in the fall, if possible, so as not to disturb their season. Ms. Bagley agreed that she would like this as well.

Councilor Drake asked how much it costs to install new courts. Ms. Bagley said that the cost is approximately \$25,000 per court. Councilor Drake asked if this is the cost just to resurface the court rather than digging up the old court and replacing it. Ms. Bagley said that the courts are in such bad shape that they would need to be dug up and replaced rather than simply resurfaced. Councilor Drake asked if it wouldn't be better to wait until the spring rather than do the patching now with snow possibly coming so soon after. Ms. Bagley said that the job may not be done until the spring depending on the availability of the contactor and the weather conditions.

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

Personal Property Audits

Deputy Mayor Fortunato moved **"TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR AUDIT REPORTS OF TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TO CHARLES FELDMAN & ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000"**, seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that these audits have been completed for the previous two years and they

have resulted in a combined increase in revenue of \$94,236. She said that four bids were sent out and bids from three of those were received back. She said that the original low bidder, G & K Associates, informed the Town today that because of a family issue they would not be able to do the work; therefore she is recommending Charles Feldman & Associates who did a very good job for the Town in the past.

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

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

RESOLUTION CONCERNING AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT TO OBTAIN LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS TO RECONSTRUCT A PORTION OF GOFF ROAD FROM NOTT STREET SOUTH ABOUT 2500 FEET

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD that BONNIE L. THERRIEN, TOWN MANAGER, is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Connecticut, an application and to file it with the Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Local Capital Improvement Program. Said application shall be made to obtain financial assistance for the reconstruction of a portion of Goff Road from Nott Street, south about 2500 feet.

RESOLUTION FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 has developed a uniform set of requirements for each voting system used in an election for federal office;

WHEREAS, the Election Assistance Commission has determined that lever voting machines are not compliant with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut has used federal funds advanced through the Help America Vote Act to purchase voting machines in compliance with this law, these being the "LHS optical scan voting machines";

WHEREAS, the Town of Wethersfield is a municipality in the State of Connecticut;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wethersfield, through its elected officials and the employees thereof, is responsible for conducting primaries and elections, federal and otherwise, within its borders;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wethersfield, through its Town Council, is responsible for providing suitable voting machines for use within its own municipality;

THEREFORE, the Wethersfield Town Council, legislative body of the Town of Wethersfield, hereby accepts ownership of the said "LHS optical scan voting machines" and will begin to use said voting machines with the first election of November 7, 2006.

RESOLUTION FOR IVS VOTING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut has used federal funds advanced through the Help America Vote Act to purchase voting machines in compliance with this said accessibility provision of the Help America Vote Act, these being the "IVS voting system";

WHEREAS, the Town of Wethersfield is a municipality in the State of Connecticut;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wethersfield, through its elected officials and the employees thereof, is responsible for conducting primaries and elections, federal and otherwise, within its borders;

WHEREAS, the Town of Wethersfield, through the Town Council, its legislative body, is responsible for providing suitable voting machines for use within its own municipality;

THEREFORE, the Town Council, legislative body of the Town of Wethersfield, hereby accepts ownership of the said "IVS voting system" and will begin to use said voting machines with the election to be held on November 7, 2006.

MINUTES

Councilor Walsh moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2006**", seconded by Councilor Kirsche.

Councilor Walsh amended the minutes to change "Councilor Kirsche" to "Councilor Walsh" in the roll-call votes.

Councilor Cascio amended the minutes at the bottom of page 13719 to correct the spelling of his name.

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

Councilor Adil moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2006**", seconded by Councilor Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m., Councilor Adil moved "**TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**" seconded by Councilor Kotkin. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

At 8:58 p.m., Councilor Adil moved "**TO ENTER BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

At 8:58 p.m., Deputy Mayor Fortunato moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk

Approved by vote of Council 10/2/2006