

Town Council Special Meeting
Saturday, February 2, 2013
Silas Deane Middle School Media Center

Attending: Mayor Donna Hemmann, Deputy Mayor John Console, Council Members Gerri Roberts, Stathis Manousos, Jim McAlister, Paul Montinieri, Jeff Kotkin, David Drake.

Others Attending: RaeAnn Palmer Assistant Town Manager, Jeff Bridges, Town Manager, and Radio System Consultant John Eichner.

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Mayor Hemmann.

On a motion by Council Member Manousos, with a second by Council Member McAlister, the Council voted, with all in favor, of going into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Wethersfield Federation of Teachers per CGS 1-210 (b)(9) R and Wethersfield Code A 180. 6 section 6B.

The Council entered executive session at 8:40 a.m.

On a motion by Council Member Kotkin, with a second by Council Member Manousos, and with an affirmative vote of all attending, the Council voted to adjourn the executive session and rejoin the regular session at 9:05 a.m.

On a motion by Council Member Manousos, with a second by Council Member McAlister, and with all attending voting in favor, the Council voted to go into executive session to discuss litigation related to the Town of Wethersfield Radio System. The Council entered executive session at 9:06 a.m. Radio consultant John Eichner participated in the executive session.

On a motion by Council Member McAlister, with a second by Council Member Kotkin, with all attending voting in favor, the Council voted to exit executive session and reconvene in regular session at 10:06 a.m.

Council Member Kotkin moved approval of the contract between the Wethersfield Board of Education and the Wethersfield Federation of Teachers. The motion was seconded by Jim McAlister.

Mayor Hemmann, Councilors Kotkin, Montinieri, McAlister, Roberts, and Manousos all spoke in favor of the contract due to its changes in favor of the Town including the changes to the

health insurance plan, the implementation of a health maintenance program, and the reduction of personal days.

Council Member McAlister and Console commented that they would like to have greater interaction between the Board of Education and the Town Council during the negotiating process so the Town is more familiar with what the outcomes may be.

Council Member Drake was in favor of the contract but was concerned overall with the budget being developed by the Board of Education.

The Council voted 7 in favor, none opposed, and with Council Member Console abstaining due to a lack of information and the short time period in which, due to the limited interaction on the topic between the Board of Education and Town Council, to make a decision. Motion was approved.

The Council then spent the rest of the day discussing Council priorities and capital improvements.

On a motion by Council Member Roberts, with a second by Council Member McAlister, with all members voting affirmatively, the Council adjourned at 1:25 p.m. 8-0-0

Dolores Sassano
Town Clerk

Approved By Vote of Council
February 19, 2013