

DECEMBER 6, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

The Wethersfield Town Council held a meeting on December 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

Present: Councilors Adil, Cascio, Czernicki, Forrest, Fortunato, Hemmann, Montinieri, Deputy Mayor Karangekis and Chairperson Morin.

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

Chairperson Morin announced that there will be an Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss union negotiations, real estate negotiations, pending litigation, and personnel matters.

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

Commemorative Chair - John Cascio

Chairperson Morin recognized Councilor Cascio's five years on the Town Council and presented to him, on behalf of the Town, a Hitchcock Chair. Chairperson Morin stated that Councilor Cascio also served ten years on the Board of Education. He said that the Town appreciates all of the volunteer service Councilor Cascio has given to the Town of Wethersfield. On behalf of the Town Council, Chairperson Morin extended his sincere appreciation and congratulations to Councilor Cascio for his fifteen years as an elected official in Wethersfield. Councilor Cascio thanked his family for tolerating his many, many hours of volunteer service, stating that he does it because he enjoys the community and the spirit of working together. He thanked the Town and said that he hopes his work will continue.

Economic Development Report

Town Planner Peter Gillespie gave a presentation of the November, 2004 Economic Development Report. The report included the following changes for November:

- 1077 Silas Deane Highway, UPS Store is open
- 20-30 Beaver Road, interior renovations are complete to accommodate Dental Associates of Wethersfield and R.J. Health Systems
- 133 Main Street, renovation is complete for a small office
- 600 Silas Deane Highway, Fleet Bank is now Bank of America
- 505 Silas Deane Highway, Town Hall/Library renovations are well underway
- Folly Brook Boulevard, proposal for fourteen units of age restricted housing
- U.S. Postal Service, positive meeting regarding their long-term plans in Wethersfield
- Corner of Silas Deane Highway and Church Street, preliminary plans for redevelopment of the Carnival Ice Cream site
- Wethersfield Shopping Center, negotiations underway to lease space to Sleepy's Mattress
- Berlin Turnpike, interested developer of a number of properties

Mr. Gillespie announced that the EDIC and Chamber of Commerce's annual Salute to Business Holiday Social will be held on Wednesday, December 8 at 5:00 p.m. at the Keeney Center. The EDIC will present a number of awards recognizing local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce will be recognizing some of its long standing members. Mr. Gillespie said that the grant application for monies to assess potential Brownfield sites in Wethersfield was filed with the EPA on November 12, 2004. He said that a public meeting was held on November 9 to discuss the grant application requesting \$200,000 to assess environmental site conditions. The Town has asked for funding to be used for reuse studies of these properties. Mr. Gillespie said that Town Manager Bonnie Therrien initiated a meeting of representatives from all of the land use boards to discuss issues of common interest. These meeting are expected to be held each quarter. Mr. Gillespie stated that discussions are underway with the local banking community to establish a

loan program and that the STEAP funds will probably be used for a grant rather than loan program. This program is being discussed with the Town of Rocky Hill. Mr. Gillespie reported that the Goff Brook Shops has changed ownership at a sales price of approximately \$10 million.

Councilor Czernicki thanked Mr. Gillespie for his report and asked him if he has an idea of what the net growth to the Grand List will be considering the development currently in place in Town. Mr. Gillespie said that he will probably have this information at the end of the year and that this will be reported on an annual basis in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HEARING

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75 ENVIRONMENTAL CODE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

RESOLUTION FOR \$10,000 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SHOWMOBILE

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

GENERAL COMMENTS

John Miller, 45 Highland Street, congratulated Councilor Cascio and commented that he is troubled by some of the remarks made at Council meetings. Mr. Miller commented on public remarks made to the Council regarding statements made by the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee. Mr. Miller said that the person is an employee of the Board of Education and holds a position of trust in counseling Wethersfield children. Mr. Miller said that the person's misleading comments should not be acceptable. Mr. Miller said that the Chairperson has denied making the comments attributed to him and Mr. Miller would like this reflected in the Council minutes.

Perry Cornwall, 61 Boulder Road, Chairperson of the Building Committee for the Nature Center, commented on a tank surprisingly discovered on the east side of the Moeller Building. Mr. Cornwall thanked Parks & Recreation Director Kathy Bagley and the Town for the diligent manner in which they handled this matter.

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

COUNCIL REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilor Adil reported that the EDIC met last week and discussed some of the Silas Deane Highway initiatives. He said that donations have already been received from the Beautification Committee and others. Councilor Adil reported that Paul Montinieri will be developing a website for the EDIC.

Councilor Fortunato reported that Shared Services met on November 23 to discuss the MUNIS system and the draft of the Facilities Maintenance Plan. She said that comments on the Plan can be made to the Town Manager, Mike Turner, or Moe McCarthy. Councilor Fortunato attended the Library Board retreat and she commended the group of volunteers for spending a Saturday talking about ways to improve the Library organization. Councilor Fortunato, as Chairperson of the Shared Services Committee, and Town Engineer Mike Turner met with PTO parents of the Charles Wright Elementary School to discuss the parking lot issue there.

Councilor Montinieri reported that the Board of Education has adopted Redistricting Plan 3A. Councilor Montinieri updated the Council on the complaint filed against her by the Ethics Commission. She said that the complaint was dismissed by a 5-0-0 vote of the Ethics Commission. The Commission recommends to the Council that all public officers or the members of any board or commission who appear before a board, commission, or agency other than their own clearly identify, when making public comments, whether they are speaking as an individual citizen or in an official capacity as a member of a board, commission, or agency on which they hold public office.

Councilor Cascio reported that he attended the Shared Services meeting where the redistricting plan was discussed. He asked the Town Manager to provide the total cost for putting together the redistricting plan. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she will provide this information in her Weekly Management Report. Councilor Cascio complimented the Board on their fine job of putting the plan together.

Councilor Fortunato said that Superintendent of Schools, Patrick Proctor, has been invited to a Council meeting to present the redistricting plan.

Councilor Forrest asked the Town Manager to provide information on when the work on the phones at the school is scheduled to be done. He also congratulated Councilor Cascio for his many years of volunteering on behalf of the betterment of Wethersfield. He said that Councilor Cascio is a great man of his word, a great person to work with, and that it is a pleasure to sit on the Council with him.

Councilor Czernicki said that Councilor Cascio's sixteenth year of elected office speaks volumes to his commitment to Wethersfield. She said that he has also served in various capacities with many other groups in Town. She said that Councilor Cascio embodies what public service is all about and that she is proud to know him as a friend and to serve with him as a Councilor. Councilor Czernicki commented that she received an e-mail from Ruth Meister regarding returned tax bills and asked the Town Manager to verify the information provided. Councilor Czernicki reminded the Town Manager that she's asked for information regarding the money deposited into the Cottone Field account and where it came from. She asked the Town Manager where the original deposit came from. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she does not know, but that she will find out. Councilor Czernicki asked for verification that the Cottone Field account was never co-mingled with any other account.

Councilor Cascio said that he attended the Stillman Building Open House and that it was a wonderful event. He said that he attended the Stillman School for K-6th grade and the Open House provided an opportunity for others who attended the school to revisit the building and share stories. Councilor Cascio congratulated David Drake and his committee on a job well done. Councilor Cascio said that he is pleased to see that Nott Street is open and asked for an update on the project. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that two driveways still need to be finished and that she will be writing a letter to the insurance company stating that they cannot deny all of the damage claims. Councilor Cascio said that he had the opportunity to speak to some of the neighbors in the Pyquaug Village area regarding the rejuvenation of the Pyquaug Village Association and some were willing to work at reforming the Association.

Councilor Cascio moved "**TO ADD THE ITEM OF 100 WOODSIDE DRIVE TO THE AGENDA**", seconded by Councilor Forrest. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Adil congratulated Councilor Cascio on his many years of service to the Town. He worked with Councilor Cascio on the Stillman Building and congratulated the committee for such a great job on the renovation. Councilor Adil said that he attended the ground breaking ceremony for the Nature Center and that he is thrilled to see this project underway. Councilor Adil said that he is anxious to get the Skateboard Park underway and that reports will be provided to the Council by Parks & Recreation Supervisor Kathy Bagley.

Deputy Mayor Karangekis recognized Councilor Cascio's dedication to both the Council and the Board of Education. He said that Councilor Cascio is a person who wants the best for Wethersfield and congratulated him on his recognition. Deputy Mayor Karangekis stated that the Stillman Building had been used for SWAT training by the Police Department and that he is glad to see that it will make a nice home for the Board of Education.

Councilor Montinieri congratulated Councilor Cascio on fifteen years of service to the Town. She said that she first became acquainted with him when he was Chairman of the Board of Education. Councilor Montinieri said that it is a pleasure to work with Councilor Cascio.

Chairperson Morin announced some upcoming events in Town. He said that he attended an MDC meeting previously this evening and the Council's recommendation of Alternative 1 leading to Alternative 2 was presented to the full MDC Commission and has been referred to their Public Works Committee which will meet on December 14. Chairperson Morin congratulated the Wethersfield High School Boys Soccer Team on their third championship in five

years. Chairperson Morin said that he spoke with a co-worker who is an officer in the military and recently returned from Iraq who requested sweatpants, sweatshirts, underwear, razors, sun screen, pads, pens, and magazines. Chairperson Morin said that he will be requesting that the Council and citizens come forth after the new year to put together items to be shipped to the soldiers.

COUNCIL ACTION

Councilor Adil moved **"TO APPOINT JOSEPH E. HICKEY, JR., STEVEN C. HINE, AND ANDREA L. BOYLE (ALTERNATE) TO THE DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TERM DECEMBER 6, 2004 TO JANUARY 1, 2007 AND BRUCE T. BOCKSTAEI, JOHN T. HALLINAN III, AND THOMAS ALAN HARLEY FOR THE TERM DECEMBER 6, 2004 TO JANUARY 1, 2008"**, seconded by Councilor Forrest.

Councilor Adil said that the appointees all have outstanding credentials and that real progress in design review will be made, thanks to this Committee.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she is very excited to get this group going and that she appreciates the Council's support.

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

Councilor Forrest moved **"TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 75 ENVIRONMENTAL CODE REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD, CONNECTICUT"**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Karangekis.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that this ordinance came before the Council at the request of some of the motels to utilize microwaves in their rooms. The Council was concerned about who would pay the costs to verify that the buildings could handle the additional electrical. The ordinance has been reworked stating that the property owner will be responsible to hire a licensed electrician to certify to the Town Building Department that the existing electrical system can support the additional electrical appliances in each room.

Councilor Czernicki asked if there is an inspection conducted by Town staff after the electrician has certified the electrical system. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that there is. Councilor Czernicki asked if a method has been devised for ongoing inspections. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that inspections are made by the Town each year and that this will be added to the inspection list.

Councilor Hemmann asked if there was any feedback from any of the property owners with regard to the change in language of the ordinance. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she did not hear anything.

Councilor Fortunato asked if the Town has records of the families or individuals who live in the motels on a long-term basis. The Town Manager said that she can obtain an approximate figure.

Councilor Forrest moved **"TO AUTHORIZE BONNIE L. THERRIEN TOWN MANAGER, TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A SSBG SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,408"**, seconded by Councilor Adil.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that this is a yearly grant received and is used to supplement the Social Services Department budget.

Councilor Czernicki asked if the money goes into the Salary line of the Social Services budget. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that some, if not all, goes into the Social Services Salary account as a reimbursement, but will check on this and provide information in her Weekly Report.

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

Councilor Fortunato moved **"TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A \$10,000 GRANT FOR THE SHOWMOBILE IMPROVEMENTS, SOUND SYSTEM, ADDITIONAL STAGE LIGHTING AND STAGE SKIRT"**, seconded by Councilor Adil.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that this grant was obtained by Representative Doyle for the Town.

Councilor Forrest asked what happens to the difference in the money if the improvements total less than \$10,000. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the State normally takes the money back and if any money is kept, it would need to be used toward the Showmobile.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Transfer of \$11,400 - Oil Tank Removal - Moeller Home

Councilor Adil moved **"TO TRANSFER \$11,400 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT T1910900 5250 TO THE MOELLER HOME RENOVATION PROJECT ACCOUNT 303 5435 13125"**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Karangekis.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that an oil tank was discovered while doing renovations to the Moeller Home. It is thought that oil tanks were installed in the 1970's to hold oil purchased at a cheaper price. These tanks did not show up on any type of mapping or plot plan. She said that the tank had to be removed to continue with the renovations and that soil testing was performed and showed no contamination.

Councilor Adil congratulated the Town Staff on doing such a great job of keeping this cost down and handling the situation appropriately so as to eliminate any significant delays on the project.

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

Architect - Phase II - Town Hall/Library

Deputy Mayor Karangekis moved **"TO HIRE PETER WELLS OF TUTTLE AND WELLS ARCHITECTS OF AVON, CT AS THE ARCHITECT FOR THE PHASE II WORK FOR THE TOWN HALL AND LIBRARY AND ASK THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE A PRICE AND CONTRACT FOR THE WORK"**, seconded by Councilor Montinieri.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that Mr. Wells was the architect for Phase I of the Town Hall/Library renovations. She and the Building Committee both recommend that Mr. Wells continue as the architect for Phase II. She said that all other work will be bid out.

Councilor Adil asked if any of the Phase II work was accomplished during Phase I. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she is not aware of any; however change orders would be required to do so.

Mr. Coombs, Chairperson of the Building Committee - Town Hall/Library, answered that it is anticipated that some of the Phase II work will be done as part of Phase I. He said that Phase I has a specific dollar value and specific tasks and Phase II is an expansion of this. Mr. Coombs said that the heating system is part of the Phase II work that he anticipates incorporating into Phase I. He said that the Committee will be requesting that the Council approve a transfer of funds from Phase II to Phase I.

Councilor Hemmann asked that the Council be provided with an update of the budget for Phase I and also a proposed

budget for Phase II.

Councilor Cascio asked if the Library Director has been kept up to date on all of this information as well and the Town Manager said that she provides her with all the information. Councilor Cascio asked if the bonding from each of the Phases can be comingled. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she believes that this can be done and that she will double check it.

Councilor Czernicki said that she recollects the Council being directed not to use money from one bond issue to fund other bond issues. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she will find out for sure from Bond Counsel.

Mr. Coombs said that before the Committee attempts to transfer funds, they will seek a legal opinion. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that if the answer is "no", detailed records must be kept to allocate funds from each bond.

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

Changes to Stillman/Webb School Projects

Councilor Fortunato moved **"TO APPROVE THE DELETION OF THE ADDITION FROM THE STILLMAN BUILDING SCOPE OF WORK; AND THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465,662 FROM THE STILLMAN APPROPRIATION TO THE WEBB SCHOOL APPROPRIATION; AND WHEN RECEIVED, THE ADDITION OF THE ESTIMATED STILLMAN BUILDING ENERGY REBATE OF \$1,572 TO THE WEBB SCHOOL PROJECT BUDGET TO BE UTILIZED AS PROJECT FUNDS; AND WHEN RECEIVED, THE ADDITION OF THE ESTIMATED WEBB SCHOOL ENERGY REBATE OF \$44,570 TO THE WEBB SCHOOL PROJECT BUDGET TO BE UTILIZED AS PROJECT FUNDS"**, seconded by Councilor Cascio.

Mr. Drake said that the Stillman Building project will be closed up December 29, 2004 and the funding needs to be moved from one project to another. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she checked with Bond Counsel and this can be legally done because it was one question.

Councilor Hemmann verified that the language is to prevent a previous problem with an energy rebate that went back into a budget. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that this makes sure that the money goes toward the project.

Councilor Montinieri asked Mr. Drake if this transfer of funds addresses need for more money for the Willow Street windows. Mr. Drake said that it does.

Councilor Fortunato recommended that, unless the income is restricted, the Town consider using rebate checks to create maintenance funding for the renovated facilities. These funds would jumpstart the maintenance of the facilities. Mr. Drake said that he can recommend this to the Committee.

Chairperson Morin congratulated Mr. Drake and the Building Committee on a job well done and he looks forward to an update in a couple of months.

Bus Usage - Goodwin Road

Councilor Montinieri moved **"TO INSTRUCT THE TOWN MANAGER TO WORK WITH CONNECTICUT TRANSIT BUS COMPANY, OUR STATE LEGISLATORS, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES AND STAFF MEMBERS, TO HAVE THE CONNECTICUT TRANSIT BUSES, WITHIN SIX MONTHS, BE 100% REMOVED FROM GOODWIN PARK ROAD TO ANOTHER LOCATION THAT WILL NOT AFFECT THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF THE RESIDENTS OF WETHERSFIELD"**, seconded by Deputy Mayor Karangekis.

Councilor Czernicki asked why the bus usage issue has moved to this level. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she has received more complaints and that she has called CT Transit, who is still unwilling to move on this issue. She said that one solution is to remove the service; however there are thirty-five Wethersfield residents who utilize the

service. Councilor Czernicki asked what happened since the point some time ago when CT Transit said that they would rectify the problem. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the number of busses have been significantly reduced to nine runs during the week and one run on Saturday. Councilor Czernicki said that this is unacceptable in light of what they said they would do because there is still a safety issue present.

Chairperson Morin said that the present situation still presents a danger to pedestrians and hopes that this motion will help.

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

Nott Street

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she received a call from the State and from a resident on the corner of Woodside Drive and Nott Street (100 Woodside Drive). The grade to the left of their driveway is higher on one side and their vehicles are hitting it. The Town Manager said that the solution is to lower the water line in front of the affected area. She said that the State will not take financial responsibility for this and the maximum cost of \$4,000 will be a cost to the Town.

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO ACCEPT THE COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000 FOR LOWERING THE WATER MAIN LINE AT 100 WOODSIDE DRIVE**", seconded by Councilor Adil.

Councilor Czernicki asked the Town Manager if there are any other areas in the Nott Street project where driveways don't match the road grade. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that there is one other resident who is claiming that his vehicle bottoms out as well; however the State has not seen this occur.

Councilor Czernicki asked if the Town's engineering staff has taken a look at the driveway. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that she believes that they have and have not found anything. Councilor Czernicki said that she is concerned that other residents may not notice a problem until Spring and that the Town will be responsible for the repair of those driveways as well. Councilor Czernicki suggested that the motion be tabled until further information regarding other properties can be obtained. She said that she is concerned that if this is done for this property, there may be others after the Winter who notice a problem and the Town would be responsible for these repairs as well.

Councilor Cascio questioned whether the State is responsible for the repairs since they are the ones who manipulated the grade during the project. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the project is technically the Town of Wethersfield's and the State claims that the grade may be a little off, but it is still usable. She said that the resident at 100 Woodside Drive wants the grade back to the way it was. Councilor Cascio said that it should have been a stipulation of the contract that the State would be responsible for this. He asked the Town Manager to look into this and she said that she will talk to the appropriate party.

Councilor Forrest said that the residents have the right to access to their property without bottoming out their vehicles; however he is baffled that the grading was so improperly engineered. He asked the Town Manager to determine why the problem exists and if the Town has any recourse.

Councilor Adil said that the family at 100 Woodside Drive has suffered many hardships throughout the project and that they deserve to have this issue resolved.

Councilor Fortunato asked if there is Town Staff inspecting the paving at Nott Street. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that there is Town Staff making inspections. She suggested that this be put out as an RFP project to be bid on instead of doing each repair piece meal. She said that the Town can then look to recoup costs from contractors.

Chairperson Morin said that the project is a Town project that is being overseen and inspected by the State. He said that Town Manager Bonnie Therrien and Town Engineer Mike Turner will be discussing the situation with the Town's consultant and will be looking into any recourse the Town may have. Chairperson Morin said that each resident who voiced a problem was contacted immediately by the State and there is a reasonable process to be followed.

Councilor Czernicki asked if the current repair will be going out to bid. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that it will not be going out to bid because the cost is below \$20,000. Councilor Czernicki asked if this repair is being done because it is felt that this particular resident suffered more during the course of the project or because the resident deserves a better driveway. She is concerned that the Council is not the body to determine anyone's amount of suffering during any Town project and that it is not the Town's responsibility to make any particular person feel better about the usage of their driveway. Councilor Czernicki said that to frame the decision on the basis that this family and two others suffered a higher level of hardship during the project tends to make her believe that there is an entitlement of sorts for some. She said that making the decision of who suffered most during the project is a very subjective matter.

Chairperson Morin said that he's not sure that suffering is a criteria and that he remembers that this particular family allowed the DOT to come out and do things with the agreement that they would have the same driveway prior to the work being done. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien verified that the residents were told that they would have exactly the same driveway after the project and this is depicted on a plan sheet.

Councilor Montinieri asked if this is the only property that involves a water line as this seems to be a distinguishing factor. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that this is the only property she is aware of.

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

BIDS

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, APPOINTMENTS FOR INTRODUCTION

RESOLUTION FOR \$500,000 STEAP GRANT FOR SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Small Town Economic Assistance Program Sec. 4-66g the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Wethersfield make an application to the State for \$500,000 in order to undertake rehabilitation of the Silas Deane Highway and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wethersfield Town Council:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the State Assistance imposed by Connecticut General Statute 4-66g.
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Wethersfield in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 is hereby approved and that Bonnie L. Therrien, Town Manager 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, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Wethersfield.

MINUTES

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2004**", seconded by Councilor Adil. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., Councilor Forrest moved "**TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**" seconded by Councilor Adil.

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

At 10:26 p.m., Councilor Adil moved "**TO ENTER BACK INTO THE REGULAR MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Fortunato. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Councilor Forrest moved "**TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN THE MATTER ENTITLED 'WETHERSFIELD TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION VS TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD'**" seconded by Councilor Karangekis. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. Councilor Fortunato ABSTAINED. The motion passed 8-0-1.

At 10:28 p.m., Councilor Adil moved "**TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**" seconded by Councilor Hemmann. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson voted AYE. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Dolores G. Sassano
Town Clerk