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Board of Finance
Regular Meeting

ATTEST: *Daniel L. Campos*
TOWN CLERK

August 14, 2024
Town Hall Auditorium 7:00p.m.

Present: Glenn Patterson, Ronald Fedor, Robert Tuneski, Bill Sheehan, Michael Rocchetti

Absent: Joseph Filippetti

Elected: Rob Brule, First Selectman; Abbas Danesh, Treasurer; Patricia Fedor, Board of Education Chairman; Tim Fiorvanti, RTM Member; Susan Driscoll, RTM Member

Staff: Kimberly Allen, Director of Finance; Paige Walton, Assessor; Ryan McNamara, Director Recreation & Parks; Jon Mullen, Planning Director; Dani Gorman, Human Services Administrator; Thomas Giard, Superintendent of Waterford Public Schools (WPS); Joseph Mancini, Director of Finance/Operations WPS; Rebecca Hall, Administrative Assistant Finance Office/BOF Recording Secretary

1: Establishment of a quorum and call to order.

A quorum was established and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order at 7:15 p.m. August 14, 2024.

2. Public Comment:

Tina DuBusque and Bryan Sayles both read letters to the Board of Finance regarding disposal of police handguns. Letters attached.

3. Approval and acceptance of minutes:

Regular Meeting on July 17, 2024

Motion by Bill Sheehan and **seconded** by Robert Tuneski to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Abstain: Fedor)

Motion: Passed

Glenn Patterson requested to reorder the agenda moving Item #4 to the Item #16 spot, therefore, moving all other agenda items up by one spot.

Motion by Ron Fedor and **seconded** by Michael Rocchetti to reorder the agenda.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

- 4.** To consider and act on a request for a FY25 appropriation by Joseph Mancini, Director of Finance/Operations WPS, in the amount of \$1,200,000 to replace the tennis courts at Waterford High School with post tension concrete and forward to the RTM as required.

Discussion began by Joseph Mancini and Thomas Giard, Superintendent of Waterford Public Schools, informing the Board that the tennis courts are approximately 20 years old and show considerable amounts of cracking and separation. The plan is to replace six (6) courts at Waterford High School with minor changes to the current

layout include adding more space between individual courts thus expanding the overall area of the courts. It was estimated that each court will cost approximately \$200,000. Lighting will be updated as well. The life expectancy of the new courts is estimated around 20 years.

Ron Fedor asked if there will be an opportunity for the contractor to add drainage under and around the courts. The courts are located at the base of a hill where water pools. Leary Park also has the same issue. Robert Tuneski asked if there is possibly an alternate location for the tennis courts on the school site. Mr. Mancini replied that a possible location for the tennis courts would be the school bus lot on the far side of the football field, behind the Friendship School. In moving the courts here, however, electricity and lighting would need to be added increasing costs. Mr. Tuneski asked if the BOE has received quotes for the project yet. Based on the long process of project approval in the town, Mr. Mancini stated they did not receive quotes as typically the costs change by the time the project is put up for bid. Bill Sheehan pointed out that the \$1,200,000 request has no back up meaning the Board of Finance cannot view projected costs.

To address the issue around the lack of details and a project quote, the Board agreed to modify the motion to designate funds for the project rather than appropriate them. Once the project scope and estimated costs are provided, the BOE can return before the Board seeking appropriation of the designated funds.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Michael Rocchetti to transfer \$1,200,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund to line item #20560-57833 Tennis Courts as designated funds and forward to the RTM as required.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

5. To consider and act on a request for a FY25 appropriation by Joseph Mancini, Director of Finance/Operations WPS, in the amount of \$1,200,000 to replace the turf multipurpose field at Waterford High School and forward to the RTM as required.

Chairman, Glenn Patterson, asked about the frequency of the testing of the turf field. Mr. Mancini responded that testing will be conducted annually. Robert Tuneski asked about the cost of the testing in which Mr. Mancini responded saying it will cost approximately \$250/test annually. Michael Rocchetti asked if the BOE believed that stating the job will cost \$1,200,000 will limit the bidders. Mr. Giard and Mr. Mancini did not think so. RTM Member, Timothy Fiorvanti, asked if the project would be completed by the 2025-26 school year. The BOE is anticipating the project to be completed by the end of the summer 2025.

As with item 4, funds will be transferred to capital line item and designated for the project. Once the project scope and estimated costs are provided, the BOE can return before the Board seeking appropriation of the designated funds.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Michael Rocchetti to transfer \$1,200,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance of the General Fund to line item #20560-57820 WHS Turf Field and Track as designated funds and forward to the RTM as required.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

6. To consider and act on a request for a FY25 additional appropriation from Paige Walton, Assessor, in the amount of \$24,500 for personal property auditing services to account #10104-52030 (Professional Fees) and forward to the RTM as required.

Bill Sheehan asked Assessor Walton why this request is coming up now. She answered stating that she took the assessor position in 2019 and in 2020 Covid happened. Other events occurred through 2022 that pulled her attention away from analyzing Personal Property auditing. She is ready to implement a process at this time. Chairman Patterson asked what other towns spend on audits and what the "return on investment" might be. Ms. Walton responded that she spoke with the East Lyme Assessor and their return was around \$1,000 net gain per audited account per tax year audited.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Ron Fedor to transfer \$24,500 from the FY25 Contingency to line item #10104-52030 (Professional Fees).

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

7. To consider and act on a request for a FY25 additional appropriation from the Director of Fire Services, Michael Howley, in the amount of \$49,227 for an employee payout per negotiated contract to account #10123-51410 (Full Time Firefighting) and forward to the RTM as required.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Ron Fedor to transfer \$49,227 from the FY25 Contingency to line item #10123-51410 (Full Time Firefighting).

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

8. To consider and act on a request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from Dani Gorman, Human Services Administrator for Senior Services, in the amount of \$1,003 to cover increased fuel costs after the budget was approved and additional physical exams for new hires per the following compilation from the Transfer Request Form.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Ron Fedor to transfer \$1,003 as follows:

TOWN OF WATERFORD
TRANSFER REQUEST FORM
Out of Series Transfer Request

SENIORS
DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	ACCOUNT INCREASE	ACCOUNT DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10135	52130	PHYSICAL EXAMS	1,018.00	(187.90)	188.00		0.10
2	10135	53090	FUELS AND LUBRICANTS	7,488.00	(814.35)	815.00		0.65
3	10135	52380	PROGRAMS	3,100.00	363.65		(363.00)	0.65
4	10135	53020	OTHER SUPPLIES	3,059.00	268.77		(268.00)	0.77
5	10135	51810	OVERTIME	3,251.00	100.42		(100.00)	0.42
6	10135	52010	ADVERTISING	200.00	200.00		(200.00)	0.00
7	10135	53010	OFFICE SUPPLIES	700.00	95.68		(72.00)	23.68
								0.00
					TOTAL	1,003.00	(1,003.00)	

Explanation

FUEL COSTS INCREASED AFTER BUDGET WAS APPROVED.

ADDITIONAL PHYSICAL EXAMS NEEDED FOR NEW HIRES.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

9. To consider and act on a request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from Christine Walters, Director of Human Resources, in the amount of \$14,040 to cover expenditures per the following compilation from the Transfer Request Form.

Ron Fedor asked what the reimbursement is for. Kimberly Allen, Director of Finance, responded that the town's insurance will be issuing the money back to the town and it is expected in September 2024. Chairman Patterson asked why HR has over \$20,000 remaining in Professional Fees. Director Allen said the amount was for anticipated legal fees that were not incurred in FY24.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Ron Fedor to transfer \$14,040 as follows:

**TOWN OF WATERFORD
TRANSFER REQUEST FORM
OUT OF SERIES**

HUMAN RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	Budget Transfer INCREASE	Budget Transfer DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10145	53020	OTHER SUPPLIES	\$ 1,000	\$ (14,038)	14,040.00		\$ 2
2	10145	52030	PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 73,477	\$ 20,822		(14,040.00)	\$ 6,782
					TOTAL	14,040.00	(14,040.00)	\$ -

Explanation:

Expecting Reimbursement from Insurance Company

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

10. To consider and act on a request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from Ryan McNamara, Director of Recreation and Parks, in the amount of \$3,545 to cover increased costs after the budget was approved per the following compilation from the Transfer Request Form.

Bill Sheehan began discussion asking why the backup documentation showed different subtotals for line items. Kimberly Allen, Director of Finance, responded saying there is another in-series transfer coming through that has not gone through the Board of Selectman's meeting yet. Ron Fedor asked why Mr. McNamara is asking for transfer as obviously the Recreation & Parks Department has overspent money elsewhere in their budget. Chairman Patterson added that a policy may be needed to be put in place in the near future regarding transfers.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Robert Tuneski to transfer \$3,545 as follows:

**TOWN OF WATERFORD
TRANSFER REQUEST FORM
Out of Series Transfer Request**

REC & PARKS
DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	ACCOUNT INCREASE	ACCOUNT DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10137	51610	PARKS MAINTENANCE	439,197.00	(699.02)	700.00		0.98
2	10137	51920	FICA	79,931.00	(53.45)	54.00		0.55
3	10137	52020	POSTAGE	3,809.00	(186.71)	187.00		0.29
4	10137	52040	SERVICE CONTRACTS	4,311.00	(778.39)	779.00		0.61
5	10137	52380	PROGRAMS	35,786.00	(1,212.65)	1,213.00		0.35
6	10137	53010	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,600.00	(611.83)	612.00		0.17
7	10137	53090	FUEL & LUBRICANTS	32,208.00	10,219.75		(3,545.00)	6,674.75
					TOTAL	3,545.00	(3,545.00)	0.00

Explanation:

INCREASED COSTS AFTER BUDGET APPROVED.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

11. To consider and act on a request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from Jon Mullen, Director of Planning, in the amount of \$25,700 to cover budget expenditures per the following compilation from the Transfer Request Form. Bill Sheehan noted that no back up was submitted at the time of the agenda's release. Mr. Mullen presented an invoice from Kent + Frost as backup at the meeting as backup.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Ron Fedor to transfer \$25,700 as follows:

TOWN OF WATERFORD TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Out of Series Transfer Request

PLANNING
DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	ACCOUNT ☒ INCREASE ☐ DECREASE	ACCOUNT ☐ INCREASE ☒ DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10110	52030	PROFESSIONAL FEES	1,900.00	(21,472.41)	25,700.00		(1,772.41)
2	10110	51110	ADMINISTRATION	107,362.38	3,920.62		(3,900.00)	20.62
3	10110	51210	CLERICAL	162,634.00	2,599.22		(2,500.00)	99.22
4	10110	51910	FRINGE BENEFITS	5,838.00	3,306.22		(3,300.00)	6.22
5	10110	51920	FICA	43,478.00	3,688.61		(3,600.00)	88.61
6	10110	52010	ADVERTISING	5,000.00	2,260.44		(2,260.00)	0.44
7	10110	52040	SERVICE CONTRACTS	13,681.00	7,220.01		(7,200.00)	20.01
8	10110	53010	OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,750.00	1,542.33		(1,540.00)	2.33
9	10110	54060	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	1,440.00	1,437.99		(1,400.00)	37.99
					TOTAL	25,700.00	(25,700.00)	0.00

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

12. To consider and act on a request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from Kimberly Allen, Director of Finance, in the amount of \$779 to cover increased need for town-wide supplies by individual departments per the following compilation from the Transfer Request Form.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Ron Fedor to transfer \$779 as follows:

TOWN OF WATERFORD TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Out of Series Transfer Request

FINANCE
DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	ACCOUNT ☒ INCREASE ☐ DECREASE	ACCOUNT ☐ INCREASE ☒ DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10107	53010	OFFICE SUPPLIES	21,000.00	(278.95)	779.00		0.05
2	10107	52080	TELEPHONE	21,034.00	2,080.99		(779.00)	1,301.99
					TOTAL	779.00	(779.00)	0.00

Explanation

INCREASED NEED FOR TOWN-WIDE SUPPLIES BY INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

13. To consider and act on a request for a FY24 Out-of-Series Transfer from Kimberly Allen, Director of Finance, on behalf of various departments, in the amount of \$34,674 to cover increased salaries and increased postage per the following compilation from the Transfer Request Form.
- Bill Sheehan asked why the Tax Collector is short over \$700 in backup. He wondered to Director Allen where the extra money is. She stated there is a pending In-Series Transfer covering the line. This is also true for the Senior Services backup. Mr. Sheehan asked why there is any money at all left in the Town and Roads line as he believes every penny of that line item should be spent. He queried the First Selectman, Rob Brule, who responded saying he will meet with the Department Head to discuss it.
- Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Ron Fedor to transfer \$34,674 as follows:

**TOWN OF WATERFORD
TRANSFER REQUEST FORM**
Inter-Department Transfer
Out of Series Transfer Request

VARIOUS
DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	ACCOUNT INCREASE	ACCOUNT DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10102 (ROV)	51010	ELECTED OFFICIALS	55,303.00	(3,248.52)	3,300.00		0.00
2	10102 (ROV)	52020	POSTAGE	1,696.00	(83.60)	84.00		51.48
3	10102 (ROV)	52070	REIMBURSEABLE EXPENSES	434.00	(799.73)	800.00		0.40
4	10106 (TAX)	51010	ELECTED OFFICIALS	87,255.00	(981.65)	982.00		0.27
5	10106 (TAX)	51210	CLERICAL	85,437.00	(7,416.25)	7,417.00		0.35
6	10106 (TAX)	52030	PROFESSIONAL FEES	27,946.00	(83.51)	84.00		0.75
7	10108 (LEGAL)	52090	PROFESSIONAL FEES	302,584.00	(18,488.70)	18,489.00		0.49
8	10132 (LEGEUHGTY)	52075	HEALTH DISTRICT	148,407.00	(0.27)	1.00		0.30
9	10135 (SENIORS)	51210	CLERICAL	240,148.00	(2,716.74)	2,717.00		0.73
10	10135 (SENIORS)	51635	PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS	25,105.00	(799.34)	800.00		0.26
11	10130	55010	TOWN AID ROADS	321,120.00	60,588.53		(34,674.00)	0.66
								25,914.53
								0.00
								0.00
TOTAL						34,674.00	(34,674.00)	0.00

Explanation

- 1-3 (ROV): raises approved after budget was approved; increase in postage costs; additional supplies needed for election
- 4-6 (Tax Collector): salaries increased after budget approved; QDS cost increase after budget approved
- 7 (legal): additional hours on millstone tax settlement and purchase of 8 Goshen Road
- 9-10 (Seniors): salaries increased after budget approved

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

14. To consider and act on a request for a **FY24** Out-of-Series Transfer from Rob Brule, First Selectman, in the amount of **\$237** to cover increased costs after the budget was approved per the following compilation from the Transfer Request Form.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Ron Fedor to transfer **\$237** as follows:

TOWN OF WATERFORD
TRANSFER REQUEST FORM
Out of Series Transfer Request

FY24

FIRST SELECTMAN
DEPARTMENT

Line No.	Org. Code	Object Code	Object Description	APPROVED Budget Amount	CURRENT Available Budget	ACCOUNT INCREASE	ACCOUNT DECREASE	REVISED Available Budget
1	10101	52040	SERVICE CONTRACTS	1,280.00	(24.75)	25.00		0.25
2	10101	53020	OTHER SUPPLIES	1,910.00	(92.83)	93.00		0.17
3	10101	53090	FUELS & LUBRICANTS	1,574.00	(118.45)	119.00		0.55
4	10101	51110	ADMINISTRATION	71,463.00	11,088.81		(237.00)	10,851.81
								0.00
					TOTAL	237.00	(237.00)	

Explanation

INCREASED COSTS AFTER BUDGET WAS APPROVED.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

15. To consider and act on an additional **FY24** payment of **\$556,754** to the Town of Waterford's OPEB trust fund Director of Finance, Kimberly Allen, advised the board this will be a wire transfer.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and seconded by Robert Tuneski to make an additional payment of **\$556,754** to the Town of Waterford's OPEB Trust Fund on behalf of the Retirement Commission.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

16. Quarterly Capital Project Status Report – 4th Quarter FY24

The Board reviewed the open projects on the status report. Bill Sheehan pointed out that the Auditorium project requires new bidders (separate bidders) for possibly overlapping jobs to complete the Audio/Visual portion of the project. Director Allen does not see an issue with the multiple contractors as the specs of the project clearly state the needs of each one. If necessary, IT Manager, Jeff Robillard, can attend a future Board of Finance meeting for the Board to gather more insight on the project.

Chairman Patterson asked the Planning Director Jon Mullen, questions regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development, Alewife Cove dredging, Nevins Cottage repairs/restoration. BOF member Michael Rocchetti asked for an update regarding the Mago Point project. Mr. Mullen updated the Board with relevant details for all of those projects.

17. Old Business: None

18. New Business:

- Update on State Regulations Regarding Board of Education Non-Lapsing Accounts: Chairman Patterson will move this item to the September Board of Finance meeting for a discussion and possible action to rescind BOF Policy 4.01.

- b. Kim Allen, Director of Finance, advised the Board members that the auditors need short biographies of each member for addition to the town records for review. Director Allen referenced an email she sent to the Board members prior to the meeting that should be referred to for questions.
Kim Allen, Director of Finance, advised the Board members that the LOCIP process has changed. Formerly the process had the state reimbursing the town for eligible projects. Under the change, every May, a payment will be received by the Town for eligible projects without submitting additional data.

19. Liaison Reports

- a. Robert Tuneski: **Oswegatchie Fire House Building Committee** is progressing with the project. The architect is in place and is now in the process, in coordination with the Project Manager, to shrink the size of the new building to adjust to the new, higher rates of the build. The Project Manager is reviewing costs to confirm the town is receiving the most up to date information on the cost of materials submitted by the architectural firm. Interim Director of Fire Services and current Fire Marshall, Stephen Dubicki, is offering a new insight and providing new ideas to the project as well.

20. Correspondence

- a. FY24 Animal Control Fund Balance
- b. Treasurer's Quarterly Report ending 6.30.2024 – Glenn Patterson asked Abbas Danesh, Town Treasurer, to forecast interest income the Town in FY 2025. Mr. Danesh responded that the town can anticipate between \$2M and \$3M. This is below the over \$3M earned in FY23 and the over \$4M earned in FY24.
- c. FY24 Year-End Additional Appropriation Report
- d. FY24 Year-End Grant Report
- e. Quarterly ARPA Project Status Report
- f. Virginia Bielucki, Town Accountant, Status of Contingency FY24 dated July 24, 2024
- g. Virginia Bielucki, Town Accountant, Status of Contingency FY25 dated July 24, 2024

21. Adjournment

Motion by Ron Fedor and **seconded** by Bill Sheehan to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance at 8:59pm.

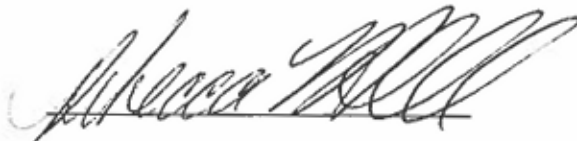
Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

Respectfully submitted,



John (Bill) W. Sheehan,
Clerk of the Board of Finance



Rebecca L. Hall,
Recording Secretary

August 12, 2024

To: Town of Waterford Board of Finance

From: Tina DuBosque, Quaker Hill, CT

Re: Disposal of Town Police Handguns

Dear Board of Finance,

I feel that the current method of disposal of Town Police handguns is an issue worth debating and working to change.

This is **not** a Second Amendment issue.

It is an issue of responsibly retiring Town Police handguns.

The handguns being retired are not permanently destroyed, but temporarily disabled. This means that they can be made whole again and put out on the used gun market. The Town of Waterford benefits financially from this current disposal program.

These retired handguns can, and do, fall into the hands of those who wish to use them for criminal activities. There are other licensed, acceptable methods currently in use to responsibly dispose of retired handguns, in ways that permanently disable them, rendering them unsaleable, out of reach of the criminally minded.

I advocate for a review of the current disposal program, and a change to a more responsible disposable program, one that will help to keep these used handguns permanently out of circulation.

Citizens' lives are at stake, nation-wide.

Let's be part of the solution, not part of the problem!

As the current program to retire used Police handguns was discussed and approved by Board of Police Commissioners, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and Representative Town Meeting some time ago, clearly there is an established procedure for discussing, reviewing, updating and approving.

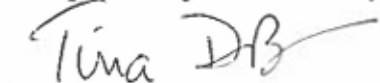
Board members, let's be proactive and known as a town that includes in its efforts to fight crime a used Police handgun disposal program that shows a responsible effort.

Again, this is **not** a Second Amendment issue.

Good change is good.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina DB". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tina DuBosque, Quaker Hill

August 8, 2024

Waterford Board of Finance
Rope Ferry Road
Waterford, CT 06385

Re, Fund Transfer Request

Dear Board of Finance,

Within today's agenda, I am troubled to read that among the many requests for transfers to fund unplanned department expenditures, there is no such request to fund responsible disposal of Waterford's forty-nine (49) soon-to-be obsolete police handguns. Since 2006, fifty-two thousand, five-hundred and twenty-nine (52,529) guns formerly owned by American law enforcement agencies have been used in the commission of a crime. While some were stolen or lost, most simply fell into the wrong hand's years later. Waterford's own plan to cash-in its 49 taxpayer funded GLOCK handguns could exacerbate that problem. There is however, a way to fully guarantee that not a single, obsolete Waterford Police handgun would ever be used in the commission of a crime. That is, to have them removed from Whitmer's cost quote in favor of certified destruction. The very modest credit of about thirteen-thousand dollars (\$13,000) doesn't justify the risk that at some point in the future, a former Waterford Police gun could be used in a criminal act.

On July 9, when I brought the issue to the Board of Selectman, only Selectman Attanasio had the decency to vote in favor of transparency and explore how our townspeople should best approach the subject. First Selectman Brule and Second Selectman Muckle completely ignored the idea and voted to move forward with the credit in place.

Since then, and through numerous conversations and emails, I forwarded contact information for a company that will not only destroy our obsolete guns but provide documented proof, for a total cost of three-hundred dollars (\$300). A very reasonable fee given the specialized service they offer. Throughout, I stayed in communication with the police department and First Selectman Brule over my progress and did all of the legwork. Tellingly, nothing to support the idea came out of our First Selectman's office.

Unfortunately, even Chief Balestracci towed their line speaking in favor of cashing in the old guns. His excuse was all about procedure.

If procedural, why do some department heads make the effort to follow through on simple changes while others do not? There should be nothing in the way of taking the following steps.

- A lining-out the "credit" from Whitmer's nearly ten-month old Whitmer cost quote and requesting a "fund transfer" to pay Whitmer the approximate \$13,000 difference. The transfer request would need an additional \$300 to cover certified destruction of all 49 guns. \$13,300 in total.
- In fact, Waterford has the expertise to destroy the guns ourselves. We have personnel that can use an acetylene torch to destroy the handguns ourselves.

In closing, while my friend Tina Dubosque makes her own appeal about future purchases, I ask for you to have a conversation with those in power who may want to reconsider their misguided plan in favor of destruction. It will enhance our nation's public safety and help educate others about the harm done by municipalities trading in old handguns.

Yours Truly,


Bryan Sayles
54 Wintergreen Drive
Quaker Hill, CT 06375