

## WPAA Community Building Resolution 2009

**WHEREAS**, Wallingford Public Access Association, Inc. (WPAA) is a local non-profit 501©3 organization operating in the Town of Wallingford CT (Federal Tax ID # 06-1378847) with such designation since Nov.1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of WPAA includes preservation of First Amendment Freedoms in the Town of Wallingford CT; and

**WHEREAS**, WPAA manages resources available to the people of Wallingford enabling distribution of their interests and opinions on their Community (Public Access) TV Channels and the Internet; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary source of income for WPAA is authorized under GEN ST: CHAPTER 289\* DPUC: CATV & CVSP the per Branford Area legacy funding formulae; and

**WHEREAS**, WPAA facility costs are directly related to leased, commercial space at 128 Center St. such that the current lease represents 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the organization's annual budget of approximately \$80,000; and

**WHEREAS**, as stewards of community resources, WPAA is approaching the end of the term of its current hard-won lease without triple-net and understands future terms include an annual percentage increase and triple net and is finding the lease arrangement as less than satisfactory as regards being a healthy and user accessible environment; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to franchise DOCKET NO. 08-04-09 Advisory Decision WPAA was reaffirmed as follows: WPAA remains the community access provider in the Town of Wallingford and shall remain so unless the Department designates a different community access provider for the Town. WPAA will continue to receive funds from Comcast in accordance with the Department's Review Decision. In addition, WPAA will receive funds from AT&T in accordance with the Review Docket and the AT&T Decision. Future payments from Comcast and AT&T and any other applicable multi-channel video provider will depend upon future Department Decisions pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-331a. Finally, WPAA may in the future receive funds that will become available pursuant to Section 33 of the Act and the program established by the Department to implement that section.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to franchise DOCKET NO. 99-10-05 SEC F.7 (dated 7.31.2002) WPAA resources must be used for both Public & Government Access Television to be cablecast on Community (Public Access) TV Channel and must be strategically prepared for reorganization of channel capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of WPAA is best served by being in an accessible central in-town location; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council did not accept the 41 So. Main St. Community Building Proposal on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That WPAA will seek to establish an adaptive reuse plan to create an environment and community friendly television studio, editing and video distribution complex for the *people of Wallingford*.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that WPAA is announcing a renewed Capital Campaign to solicit commitments of goods, services and capital from the community for the purpose of relocating community access facilities

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that WPAA is announcing its intent to apply for resources for the renovation of a sustainable and community focused new home.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that WPAA announce vacancies on its Board with the intent to fill the positions with individuals that could help actualize this plan