

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 25, 2011**

A special meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on May 25, 2011. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, Paul Kaltschnee. Robert Smith. Also present was Town Administrator Kevin Breene.

Tax Assessor Charlene Randall and Town Treasurer Colleen Derjue were also present.

Woloohojian opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Smith seconded. VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian – aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye. (Andrews was not present for this vote.)

WORK SESSION ON FY 2011/2012 BUDGET

A work session was held on the FY 2011/2012 budget.

Tourgee noted that cuts needed to be made to the proposed budget in the amount of \$262,000.00 due to the actions of the School Committee to impose a higher share of payment, even though an amendment to cut its budget had prevailed.

Tourgee noted he wished that the budget be level funded and did not want to raise taxes.

Town Administrator Breene noted pension contributions would be going up next year.

Kaltschnee noted that the School Committee had taken monies from its surplus.

It was noted that the salary, etc. for Raymond Cappelli was in the budget, but that he had indicated that he would be retiring. A portion of his salary and benefits would be in next year's budget. It was noted that the salary, etc. for Thomas Walsh had already been removed from the budget.

Town Administrator Breene noted there were several scenarios to the Police shifts that could be made to generate savings. The Police Union contract was being negotiated.

Discussion was held on cutting the Police Dept. budget by \$150,000; cutting the fire companies by \$55,000 and using \$57,000 from surplus to make up the \$262,000 which needed to be cut from the budget.

Town Treasurer Colleen Derjue that because surplus was being used the bottom line would not appear to be level funded, however the tax levy would reflect that.

Joni Waltonen questioned raises for non-union personnel and the cost of the recent landscaping.

Smith moved to make the above discussed cuts of \$150,000 from the Police Dept., \$55,000 from the fire companies and the remainder to make up the total cut of \$262,000 to be taken from surplus.

Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

**RESCHEDULE DATE AND TIME FOR FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING
FROM JUNE 6, 2011**

Kaltschnee moved to reschedule the date and time for the Financial Town Meeting to Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Smith seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

Andrews moved to adjourn the work session. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

BUDGET HEARING ON FY 2011/2012 BUDGET

Woloohojian moved to open the following Public Hearing.
Smith seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
PUBLIC HEARING
May 25, 2011

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the Town of West Greenwich for fiscal 2011-2012 on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the West Greenwich Town Hall, Council Chambers, 280 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, RI.

The Town of West Greenwich will provide interpreters for the hearing impaired at any meeting provided a request is received three (3) business days prior to said meeting. An audio tape copy of the minutes will be provided if requested by a vision impaired person at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting date.

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Smith moved to adopt the recommendations made at the work session.
Andrews seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

Public Works Director Claude Wright requested that the monies left in seal coat and asphalt line items be rolled over into the asphalt line item. He also requested next year's seal coat line item be included in the asphalt line item.

Smith moved to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. Andrews seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

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