

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH**

**TOWN COUNCIL**

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**JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

A joint meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council and Planning Board was held on February 10, 2014. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Gregory Coutcher, Thomas Mulcahey, Mark Boyer, David Berry, Brad Ward, Timothy Regan, Thomas O'Loughlin, and Brian Wallace. Also present were Town Administrator Kevin Breene, Town Planner Jennifer Paquet and Asst. Town Solicitor Nancy Letendre.

**A. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 P.M.**

Council President Tourgee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to dispense of the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey –aye

**B. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. DISCUSSION ON PROGRESS OF IMPROVEMENTS AT THE TRAVELCENTERS OF AMERICA - 849 VICTORY HIGHWAY**

Council President Tourgee commented on the meeting held at DOT regarding a turning lane and signs on Route 102 at the Truck Stop. He stated there have been several safety concerns regarding traffic. He advised DOT does not have the funding to provide; however would be inclined to provide engineering.

Town Administrator Breene also commented on the meeting with DOT and its positive results such as progress with Barnett Lane and engineering. He also discussed the history of the Truck Stop with regard to the site and improvements that need to be made in the area.

Ryan Khanifov, General Manager from TravelCenters of America, advised he is unable to answer Zoning questions as he is not authorized. However, he would like to answer any other questions regarding the site. He stated that car traffic would pull to the right and truck traffic would enter to the left of the site. He also advised that representation would be present at the Zoning Board meeting to answer questions.

Council President Tourgee requested Khanifov advise TravelCenters of America that the Town Council will be strong advocates for implementing a turning lane.

Mark Boyer advised that land is available to install a turning lane, which is a necessity for the site.

Khanifov requested the Board put in writing all concerns with the Truck Stop for proper communication. Town Administrator Breene advised that he and Town Planner Paquet would draft notifications.

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Brad Ward advised that at the last meeting the Town Solicitor did discuss the turning lane to incorporate in the plans so engineers should be on notice.

Discussion ensued on the turning lane.

Town Administrator Breene requested Khanifov give an update on the site with regard to pumps and construction. Khanifov advised that the gas station will shut down in two weeks for a period of six weeks to update tanks. In March, once approved, they are to expand the two bay garage. In June their wish is to complete paving of the entire site. He also stated that this week the restaurant would shut down and Popeye's chicken would open.

Town Planner Paquet advised on the current approvals.

Discussion ensued on issues with traffic on the site.

Council President Tourgee reiterated that traffic and installation of a turning lane are serious issues.

Ryan Khanifov departed at 7:26 P.M.

Discussion ensued on outstanding approvals.

**2. DISCUSSION ON PROGRESS OF THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN**

Town Planner Paquet explained the requirements with regard to affordable housing.

Town Administrator Breene stated the rural character of the Town of West Greenwich does not provide public transportation, stores and such, which are a necessity for affordable housing.

Asst. Town Solicitor Letendre advised on the history of affordable housing and explained the criteria that determine affordability.

Discussion ensued on what is medium income.

Asst. Town Solicitor Letendre explained the mandate to have an Affordable Housing Plan.

Discussion ensued on penalty to the Town for not having an Affordable Housing Plan.

Mark Boyer discussed the reality in reaching the goal.

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Discussion ensued on mandates of the Affordable Housing Plan and expiration of West Greenwich plan.

Council President Tourgee expressed concern regarding the school population.

Brad Ward discussed establishing a committee.

Town Planner Paquet explained the CHAS data and also explained what surrounding communities have.

Town Planner Paquet explained what is currently in place for West Greenwich's Affordable Housing Plan. She also reviewed the following current drafted Ordinances: Accessory Dwelling Units, Village Districts and Inclusionary Housing.

Asst. Town Solicitor Letendre provided an update on SHAB.

Discussion ensued on implementing a committee to work on this plan.

The Planning Board thanked Town Planner Paquet for her work and preparation.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn 8:58P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey –aye

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC**

**TOWN CLERK**