

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH

TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 9, 2014

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on July 9, 2014. Present were Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, Gregory Coutcher and Thomas Mulcahey. Also present were Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo.

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

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOMENT OF SILENCE- MARCIA B. JONES

A moment of silence was held in memory of Marcia B. Jones who passed away on June 9, 2014. Town Administrator Breene commented on her life.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Vice President Woloohojian made the following announcements: The summer concert series has been very well attended with over 100 people at each of the last two summer concerts. We'd like to thank our sponsors whose donations have covered the cost of the bands. West Warwick Auto City, Centreville Bank, John Howard Farm Family Insurance, American Welding Company, Inman, Tourgee & Williamson Attorneys at Law, Roch's Fresh Foods, K. Wilcox Landscaping / Hopkins Hill Nursery, Opus Acupuncture, Ursillo, Teiz & Ritch. Upcoming Summer Concerts are: July 16th Zink Alloy, July 23rd The Rhode Island Rednecks, July 30th Kevin Herchen & Steve Demers, August 13th Sure Thing Band, and August 27th Jesse Liam Band. Concerts are free and start at 6 P.M. Bring your lawn chairs. The Mishnock Annual Pig Roast will be held on August 9th from 3 to 7 P.M. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for kids under 12.

Town Administrator Breene advised the pavilion is also available for resident use. Submit a form online or check in with the Town Clerk's Office.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Town Council and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Council so requests, in which event the item will be removed from Consent Agenda consideration and considered in sequential order.

Councilman Coutcher requested Correspondence item 8 to be pulled for further consideration.

Councilman Andrews requested Correspondence item's 7 & 9 to be pulled for further consideration.

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Councilman Coutcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence 7, 8, and 9 pulled for further consideration. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2014
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2014
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- JUNE 11, 2014 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

(THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.)

1. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT – JUNE, 2014
2. POLICE DEPT. REPORT – JUNE, 2014
3. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE, 2014
4. TOWN CLERK REPORT – JUNE, 2014
5. TREASURER’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE, 2014
6. PLANNER’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT- MAY, 2014
7. PLANNER’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT- JUNE, 2014

III. CORRESPONDENCE

(THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE IS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.)

1. LAND TRUST - MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 13, 2014
2. COPY OF LETTER TO: TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
FROM: FRANK LEMAIRE JR.
MAY 11, 2014
RE: LETTER OF RESIGNATION
3. COPY OF NEWSLETTER TO: WEST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: WAWALOAM SCHOOL
MAY, 2014
4. COPY OF PERSONAL ESSAY
FROM: WAITE ALBRO
RE: MEMORIAL DAY 2014

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5. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: KEVIN M. FLYNN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR DIVISION OF PLANNING
JUNE 16, 2014
RE: AVAILABILITY OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GRANT FUNDS
6. COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT
FROM: TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
RE: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT POSITION

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SPECIFIC UNCOLLECTABLES
AND VOTE REGARDING SAME – JUNE, 2014

JUNE

ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	CODE
	<u>ABATEMENTS</u>		
05-0003-20	Early, James H.	\$270.50	08

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

1. RECEIPT OF CHECK SUMMARY REPORT FOR
MONTH OF JUNE, 2014
FROM TOWN TREASURER

The following items pulled from the Consent Agenda were considered.

8. COPY OF AWARD TO: DANIELLE L. ANDREWS, TOWN TREASURER
FROM: THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
JUNE 11, 2014
RE: FINANCIAL REPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Councilman Coutcher commended Town Treasurer Andrews on the designation.

Treasurer Andrews thanked the Council for the recognition.

7. COPY OF LETTER TO: ADMINISTRATOR BREENE & HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: CHIEF RAMSAY
JUNE 30, 2014
RE: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUEST

Councilman Andrews requested Chief Ramsay explain his request.

Chief Ramsay reviewed his request to purchase firearms, night sights, and storage lockers for the Police Department.

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Town Solicitor Ursillo questioned if this was included in the budget. Town Administrator Breene advised funds were available from the previous budget.

Councilman Andrews moved to approve the Capital Improvement Request for the Police Department. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

9. COPY OF AWARD TO: TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
FROM: GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
JUNE 30, 2013
RE: COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORTING

Council Vice President Woloohojian read the following: Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting presented to Town of West Greenwich Rhode Island for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

Town Administrator Breene advised this was the seventh award the Town has received and commended the work of the Auditor and Treasurer.

Councilman Mulcahey moved accept Correspondence 7, 8, and 9 pulled for further consideration. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON HEALTH INSURANCE ALTERNATIVES AND COST

Town Administrator Breene updated the Council on the status of health insurance for employees.

Councilman Andrews moved to ratify the contract with Blue Cross. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

**1. SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR POLICE PERSONNEL-
CRAIG BARONE- CAPTAIN**

Chief Ramsay discussed the career of Craig Barone with the West Greenwich Police.

Councilman Andrews moved to promote Lieutenant Craig Barone to rank of Captain. Councilman Mulcahey seconded. VOTED: Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo sworn in Craig Barone to the rank of Captain. Captain Barone was joined by his wife Rebecca and daughters Sophie and Macey.

Captain Barone was pinned by his wife Rebecca.

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Captain Barone thanked the Council for the promotion. He also thanked Chief Ramsay for his service to the Town.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BREAKHEART HILL ROAD

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND

WEST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF BREAKHEART HILL ROAD

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 24-6-2, the West Greenwich Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall, 280 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, Rhode Island, to hear the following road abandonment petition:

A petition for the abandonment of a portion of Breakheart Hill Road in West Greenwich, Rhode Island, described as that portion of Breakheart Hill Road shown on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein and referred to as Parcel B.

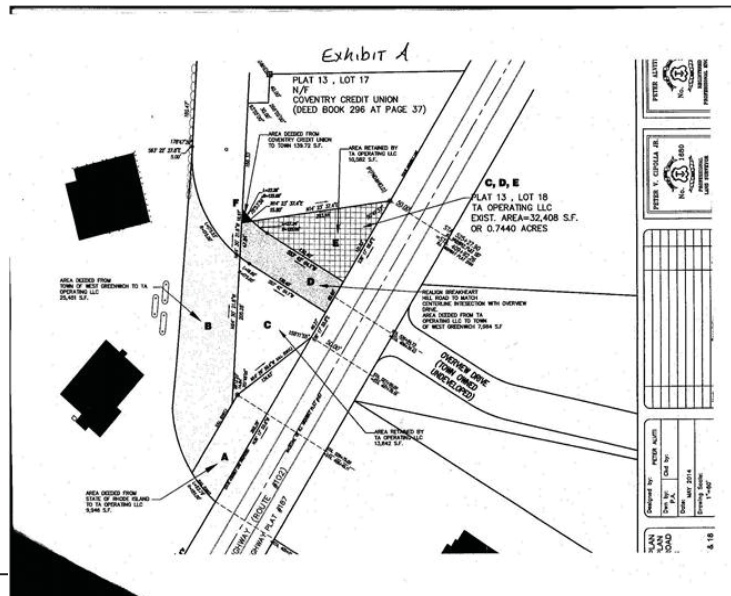
All persons or agencies interested in the said abandonment Petition will have an opportunity to be heard and/or submit communications in writing. Copies of the proposed Petition and information thereon may be obtained prior to the Hearing at the Town Clerk's Office, West Greenwich Town Hall, 280 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, Rhode Island 02817, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on regular business days. The proposed Petition may be modified or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any modifications or amendment will be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

Individuals with handicaps needing sign language or other assistance should call 401-392-3800 at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting date.

PER ORDER OF THE WEST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Erin F. Liese

Town Clerk



Town Solicitor Ursillo explained the abandonment of a portion of Breakheart Hill Road located at the intersection of Victory Highway. Town Solicitor Ursillo also explained the process of the Public Hearing.

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No public comments were made.

Town Solicitor Ursillo also noted the Planning Board on June 16th moved to approve the abandonment as presented for the section of Breakheart Hill Road.

Discussion ensued on timeframe of the relocation, turning lane, and cost. It was determined the project would be completed in the fall at the expense of TA Operating LLC.

Discussion ensued on notice.

Councilman Coutcher moved to approve the abandonment of a certain segment of Breakheart Hill Road as having ceased to be useful to the public. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Councilman Coutcher moved to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Liquor Licensing Board at 7:29 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

3. LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

**DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE- LAKE MISHNOCK FIRE DEPT.
PIG ROAST- AUGUST 9, 2014**

Council Vice President Woloohojian reviewed the request from Lake Mishnock Fire Dept. to hold a Pig Roast.

Chief Tyler was present from Lake Mishnock Fire Department.

Discussion ensued on the annual fundraiser held by Lake Mishnock Fire Dept.

Discussion ensued on stolen fundraiser signs.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to grant the One Day Liquor License to Lake Mishnock Fire Dept. for the Pig Roast to be held on August 9, 2014 subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statutes relative to liquor licenses. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Councilman Coutcher moved to adjourn as the Liquor Licensing Board and reconvene as the Town Council at 7:31 p.m. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

**4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REQUEST OF FIRE MARSHAL FOR AMENDMENTS TO
ORDINANCE NO. 78 RELATING TO FIRE INSPECTION FEES**

Town Administrator Breene discussed the history of this Ordinance and requested Fire Marshall Pendlebury explain his request.

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Fire Marshall Pendlebury explained Ordinance No. 78 is outdated and State fee's have been updated and recommended using the same fee schedule for fire inspection.

Discussion ensued on amendments effects on commercial fees.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to second reading of Ordinance No. 78 Relating to Fire Inspection Fees for Public Hearing on August 6, 2014. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

G. PUBLIC FORUM

Town Administrator Breene advised on the striping of town roads and advised the State striped the road.

Claude Wright, Public Works Director advised on striping of roads and the State did not give advance notice.

Discussion ensued on striping of roads.

Sandy Bockes, Hazard Road stated she was in favor of the striping for safety reasons.

Councilman Andrews questioned what was being built at Tillinghast. Town Administrator Breene advised it was a monument for Mrs. Shepard and explained the donation.

Councilman Coutcher moved to close the meeting and to go into Executive Session at 7:43P.M. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 1 for Personnel, Richard Ramsay. Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo stated that Richard Ramsay was provided with the required notice. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**1. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 1
PERSONNEL – RICHARD RAMSAY**

Councilman Coutcher moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 8:00 P.M. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Councilman Coutcher moved to adjourn at 8:01 P.M. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC

TOWN CLERK