

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2014

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on August 6, 2014. Present were Mark D. Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian and Gregory Coutcher. Also present were Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo.

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

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Tourgee noted the absence of Councilman Mulcahey for he was on a rescue run for the Fire Department. He also noted that Councilman Andrews was out of Town.

Council President Tourgee made the following announcements: upcoming summer concerts: August 13th, Sure Thing Band; August 20th, Zink Alloy; and August 27th, Jesse Liam Band. 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. A Household Hazardous Waste Eco Depot will be held on Saturday, August 23rd from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at the West Greenwich Town Hall. Just drive up and let the workers take your unwanted household hazardous waste from your vehicle. Bring items such as household cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs or tubes, rechargeable batteries, flea and tick collars/dip, oil based paint and turpentine, fertilizers, insecticides, pool chemicals, etc.

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.

Council Vice President Woloohojian requested Correspondence items 3 & 5 to be pulled for further consideration.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence items 3&5 pulled for further consideration. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

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

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I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 14, 2014
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- JULY 14, 2014 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

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

1. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT – JULY, 2014
2. POLICE DEPT. REPORT – JULY, 2014
3. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – JULY, 2014
4. TOWN CLERK REPORT – JULY, 2014
5. PLANNER’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT- JULY, 2014

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. LAND TRUST - MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2014
2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2014
4. COPY OF LETTER TO: JENNIFER PAQUET, MCP, TOWN PLANNER
FROM: PAUL J. BANNON, BETA ENGINEERING
APRIL 18, 2014
RE: TRAVEL CENTERS OF AMERICA
6. COPY OF R.I.G.L 44- 69-3 RI PUBLIC EMPLOYEE TAX COMPLIANCE ACT

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

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

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	AUGUST			
ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	CODE	
	<u>ABATEMENTS</u>			
06-0185-80	FROST, HARRY F	\$3,891.62	22	
03-0275-73	COMMERCE PARK REALTY LLC	\$290,168.90	26	
	<u>ADDITIONS</u>			
06-0185-80	FROST, HARRY F	\$3,496.56	22	
03-0275-73	COMMERCE PARK REALTY LLC	\$43,600.43	26	
18-0177-66	RI HERITAGE INN OF WEST GREENWICH LLC	\$246,568.47	26	
	<u>REFUNDS</u>			
13-0385-08	MARCIANO, JOSEPH M & JESS	\$8.86	36	
18-0013-02	RAFAELIAN, RACHAEL	\$8.67	36	

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

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

The following items pulled from the Consent Agenda were considered.

3. COPY OF LETTER TO: WEST GREENWICH TOWN HALL
FROM: JAMES TILTON, JR., BROWN UNIVERSITY
JUNE 27, 2014
RE: JUDGE ELMER J. RATHBUN SCHOLARSHIP

Council Vice President Woloohojian congratulated Samantha Dallas from West Greenwich who will be attending Brown University as a recipient of the Judge Elmer J. Rathbun Scholarship.

5. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT
FROM: MARIANNE STEPANIAN, RN LIFESPAN & DAN'S PLACE
JULY 22, 2014
RE: HEART SAFE COMMUNITY

Council Vice President Woloohojian noted Dan's Place was recently provided an Automated External Defibrillator as part of a grant program.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to accept Correspondence 3 & 5 pulled for further consideration. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

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1. PUBLIC HEARING

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 78 RELATING TO FIRE INSPECTION FEES

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of West Greenwich will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the West Greenwich Town Hall, 280 Victory Highway, on the adoption of the following town ordinance:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 78
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH REGARDING
FIRE INSPECTION FEES**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of West Greenwich, Rhode Island, that the Ordinance will be revised. All interested parties may review and examine a copy of the proposed amendments at the West Greenwich Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at the Public Library during library hours. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

The proposed ordinance may be altered 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. All such alterations or amendments will be presented for comment in the course of the public hearing.

All persons interested are invited to be present at said time and place to be heard thereon.

The West Greenwich Town Hall is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call the West Greenwich Town Hall at 392-3800, not less than seventy-two hours in advance of the meeting date.

By order of the West Greenwich Town Council
Erin F. Liese, CMC
Town Clerk

Town Solicitor Ursillo explained the changes to Ordinance No. 78 and with this change the Town fees would be the same as State.

Dan Novak, questioned the fees. Town Solicitor Ursillo explained the fees were for fire inspections.

Councilman Coutcher moved to approve the amendments to Ordinance No. 78 Regarding Fire Inspection Fees. Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded.

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

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON AWARDING BID FOR LIQUID BITUMINOUS MATERIALS

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Claude Wright, Public Works Director explained the following bid received:

1. T. Miozzi Inc.
75 Airport Road
Coventry, RI 02816
Class I, Type I-1 Bituminous Concrete Leveling and Overlay Mix in Place.....\$72.00 per ton
Class I, Type I-I Bituminous Concrete F.O.B. Plant\$65.00 per ton
Full Depth Pavement Reclamation with Vibratory Compaction and
Liquid Calcium Chloride Mix in Yard \$1.95 sq. yd.
Resetting of Catch Basin and Man Hole Tops.....\$125.00 each

Town Administrator Breene explained roads to be paved.

Councilman Coutcher moved to award the Liquid Bituminous Bid to T. Miozzi Inc.

Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded.

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

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON AWARDING BID FOR 2014 DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW

Claude Wright, Public Works Director explained the following bid received:

1. Flood Ford of East Greenwich
19,000 lbs. 4X6 Dump Truck with Plow \$ 43,395.00

Wright also stated the trade in was lower than anticipated. However money can be made up through scraping.

Wright also explained expensive work preformed on old vehicles in the past.

Council President Tourgee explained the risk of running old equipment.

Councilman Coutcher moved to award the 2014 Dump Truck Bid to Flood Ford of East Greenwich.

Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded.

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

4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY

Town Solicitor Ursillo explained this agreement was similar to other towns.

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Council Vice President moved to approve the Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement with Rhode Island Resource Recovery. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

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

5. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CLAIM AGAINST THE TOWN – RAYMOND BROOKS

Town Administrator Breene explained this claim was for an accident not within town.

Discussion ensued on status of road.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to deny the claim of Raymond Brooks and refer to the Trust. Councilman Coutcher seconded. VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Coutcher – aye

6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REPLACEMENT HIGHWAY DEPT. WORKER- JACOB BRIGGS

Claude Wright, Public Works Director explained the vacancy within the Highway Dept., interview process and credentials of Briggs.

Councilman Coutcher moved to appoint Jacob Briggs as a Highway Dept. Worker. Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Coutcher – aye

7. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON FORMING A COMMITTEE TO CELEBRATE THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY OF WEST GREENWICH

Council President Tourgee explained the history of anniversaries in West Greenwich and the need to set up a committee for 2016.

Council President Tourgee stated they are in need of volunteers to serve on the committee and interested residents should contact Charlene Randall.

Town Administrator Breene explained the relationship with Coventry and history of West Greenwich time capsule.

Dan Novak suggested compiling a time capsule for the next 250 years.

Town Administrator suggested incorporating the anniversary with Celebrate West Greenwich Day.

8. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REQUEST OF DAN NOVAK, CHAIRMAN OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING DIRECTION OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Dan Novak, Chairman of Conservation Commission explained his request to report on the Conservation Commission activities.

Novak stated the Commission is in need of Alternates.

Novak congratulated Town Administrator Breene and the Town Council for the community center and pavilion.

Novak reviewed the projects of the Commission such as: WG Land Trust, Town Wide Resident Survey and Special Places, Town Conservation Inventory and Earth Day cleanups,

Council President Tourgee explained the lack of volunteerism with serving on Town boards.

Discussion ensued on volunteerism and direction of the Conservation Commission.

Discussion ensued on striping of roads and causes for increase of road traffic.

Discussion ensued on politics, environment and joint meeting with Commission.

G. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment

Pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-6(b), public comment regarding subject matter not on the agenda but received during the public participation portion of a meeting shall be for information purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to close the meeting and to go into Executive Session at 7: 47 P.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 Coutcher seconded. VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Coutcher – aye

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 8:07 P.M. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

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

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Councilman Mulcahey moved to increase the salary of Chief Ramsay by \$12,000.00 retroactive as of July 1, 2014 and for the Town Administrator to negotiate a contract extension for an additional three years with 3 percent increases for each additional year. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

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

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn at 8:09 P.M. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

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

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC

TOWN CLERK