

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on October 8, 2014. Present were Mark D. Tourgee, 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 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 made the following announcements: The town received a check in the amount of \$5,942.16 for the Municipal Recycling Revenue Profit Sharing FY 2014. The town's rate in 2013 was 24.8% and increased to 26.6% in 2014. Check out the Louttit Library page on the town's website for their list of upcoming crafts nights, movie nights and Halloween party. On Friday October 24th at 7:30 p.m. the EWG Piano Fund Benefit Concert presents the Coastline Swing Band. The Coastline Swing Band is an 18 piece swing band that plays both historical and contemporary big band jazz. They will present a 2 hour concert to benefit the Exeter-West Greenwich Music Department. The award-winning EWG Sr. High Jazz Band will play 2 selections to warm up the crowd. All proceeds from this concert will go directly towards purchasing a concert-quality baby grand piano for the EWG music department.

Council President Tourgee also commented on the Celebrate West Greenwich Day, sponsored by the Land Trust.

Town Administrator Breene also commented on landscaping performed by the Highway Department and the Pavilion use.

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 moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Andrews seconded. VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2014
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

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

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. COPY OF FIRE INSPECTOR 1 CERTIFICATE- MARK D. CARY
FROM: STATE OF RHODE ISLAND FIRE ACADEMY
NOVEMBER 22, 2013
2. COPY OF CERTIFIED FIRE INSPECTOR I CERTIFICATE- MARK D. CARY
FROM: NFPA
AUGUST 24, 2017
3. COPY OF NEWSLETTER
FROM: TRUST
SUMMER, 2014
RE: LIQUOR LIABILITY
4. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, PRESIDENT
FROM: PATRICIA RUIZZO, SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
RE: APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY 2014-2015

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

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

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH

TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2014

OCTOBER

| ACCT # | NAME | AMOUNT | CODE |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|------|
| <u>ABATEMENTS</u> | | | |
| 03-0252-87 | COELHO, RICHARD & LEILANI D | \$8,179.97 | 24 |
| 03-0321-84 | CORDEIRO ANN M | \$169.35 | 02 |
| 04-0087-00 | DERBY, WILLIAM L | \$5,131.39 | 24 |
| 04-0173-15 | DUMAS, SAMUEL C H | \$13,419.51 | 24 |
| 06-0174-30 | FRENCH, GARY & ALEA, CAROLINE | \$9,304.13 | 24 |
| 08-0222-64 | HORGAN, KATHLEEN M (2013 TAX ROLL) | \$147.58 | 02 |
| 08-0222-64 | HORGAN, KATHLEEN M (2012 TAX ROLL) | \$344.74 | 02 |
| 08-0222-64 | HORGAN, KATHLEEN M (2011 TAX ROLL) | \$394.67 | 02 |
| 10-0014-55 | JACOBSON, RACHEL B & IAN M | \$8,684.01 | 24 |
| 12-0015-75 | LAKATOS, CRYSTAL M | \$312.88 | 04 |
| 13-0300-92 | MESSIER & MASSAD (2014 TAX ROLL) | \$100.50 | 17 |
| 13-0300-92 | MESSIER & MASSAD (2013 TAX ROLL) | \$107.10 | 17 |
| 14-0018-07 | NICKERSON, RICHARD & PATRICIA | \$1,398.10 | 24 |
| 16-0225-25 | PLANTZ, LON W JR & ROBERTA J | \$5,829.54 | 24 |
| 19-0019-99 | THE SADDLE ROCK ASSOCIATION | \$290.90 | 28 |
| 19-8828-68 | SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN | \$6,645.49 | 24 |
| 20-0100-48 | TOMLINSON, GREGORY | \$40.57 | 10 |
| <u>ADDITIONS</u> | | | |
| 03-0252-87 | COELHO, RICHARD & LEILANI D | \$7,412.00 | 24 |
| 03-0321-84 | CORDEIRO ANN M | \$160.51 | 02 |
| 04-0087-00 | DERBY, WILLIAM L | \$4,652.39 | 24 |
| 04-0173-15 | DUMAS, SAMUEL C H | \$12,028.17 | 24 |
| 06-0174-30 | FRENCH, GARRY & ALEA, CAROLINE | \$8,257.81 | 24 |
| 08-0222-64 | HORGAN, KATHLEEN M (2011 TAX ROLL) | \$304.93 | 02 |
| 10-0014-55 | JACOBSON, RACHEL B & IAN M | \$7,777.50 | 24 |
| 14-0018-07 | NICKERSON, RICHARD & PATRICIA | \$1,100.44 | 24 |
| 16-0225-25 | PLANTZ, LON W JR & ROBERTA J | \$5,001.46 | 24 |
| 19-8828-68 | SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN | \$5,978.01 | 24 |

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

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

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014

VI. POLE PLACEMENT

1. REQUEST OF VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. AND THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY- PETITION (NE #RI 2014-13)
RE: TO PLACE ONE (1) NEW JOINTLY OWNED POLE ON THE EASTERLY SIDE ESCOHEAG HILL RD. THE NEW STUB POLE WILL ALLOW FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING TREE GUY.

2. REQUEST OF VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. AND THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY- PETITION (NE #RI 2014-16)
RE: TO PLACE ONE (1) NEW JOINTLY OWNED POLE ON THE NORTHEASTERLY SIDE ESCOHEAG HILL RD. THE NEW STUB POLE WILL ALLOW FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING TREE GUY.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON DEPUTY TOWN CLERK APPOINTMENT

Council President Tourgee commented on the hire of Kelly Laiho and commended the town hall staff for he receives several complements from Attorneys on the staff here in West Greenwich.

Council President Tourgee read the following letter from Kevin A. Breene, Town Administrator and Erin Liese, Town Clerk: Town Clerk Erin Liese and I are pleased to recommend Kelly Laiho be appointed as Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of West Greenwich. Kelly has proven to be an excellent worker who interacts very well with our residents, co-workers and the general public when they visit the town hall. She has a great attitude and is always willing to help with whatever needs to be done. The position of Deputy is important as it will allow her to act on matters such as marriage license, recordings and other necessary business in the absence of the Town Clerk. It is without reservation that we encourage the Honorable Town Council to appoint Kelly to this important position.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to appoint Kelly Laiho as Deputy Town Clerk for a two year term. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

Kelly Laiho was sworn in as Deputy Town Clerk by Town Solicitor Ursillo.

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON HOLIDAY LICENSE-

A. DELECTABLE EDIBLES BY RENEE- 45 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD- UNIT 9

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014

Councilman Coutcher moved to approve the Holiday License for Delectable Edibles by Renee subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to holiday license and payment of taxes. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

B. NEW ENGLAND FARM AND ARTIST- 45 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD- UNIT 10

Councilman Coutcher moved to approve the Holiday License for New England Farm and Artist subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to holiday license and payment of taxes. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON VICTUALING LICENSE-

A. DELECTABLE EDIBLES BY RENEE- 45 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD- UNIT 9

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the Victualing License for Delectable Edibles by Renee subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to victualing license and payment of taxes. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Liquor Licensing Board at 7:11 P.M. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

4. LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

**DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE- NEW ENGLAND FARM AND ARTIST
GRAND OPENING ON OCTOBER 18, 2014**

Council President Tourgee clarified the event would take place on October 17th.

Laurie Tapozado from New England Farm and Artist explained the event to have a wine and cheese reception.

Town Administrator Breene questioned if the event would be inside or outside. Tapozado explained inside and some vendors would be outside.

Council Vice President Woloohojian questioned what goods would be sold. Tapozado explained items sold; such as farm products in addition to the art gallery.

Council Vice President Woloohojian questioned if additional insurance would be required. Town Solicitor Ursillo advised it would not.

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to grant the One Day Liquor License to New England Farm and Artist for their Grand Opening to be held October 17, 2014 subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn as the Liquor Licensing Board and reconvene as the Town Council at 7:14 P.M. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

5. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON TRAVEL CENTERS OF AMERICA

Town Administrator Breene advised on the status of the truck stop regarding surveillance and advised the trees were in place, berm, and no idling signs. He also advised their well is dry and Popeye's is closed.

Town Planner Paquet advised Travel Centers of America is currently under Master Plan review. She further explained Master Plan review. She advised the applicant will hire a sound study engineer. She also stated curb cuts have not been resolved and that is a concern.

Discussion ensued on the sound study.

Discussion ensued on the status of the application to DOT and engineering.

Councilman Andrews questioned additional fuel pumps. Paquet advised they do have Planning Board approval and have added additional pumps however they replaced the diesel pumps.

Council President Tourgee commented on the interior traffic on the site. He also advised the sound study should be completed prior to the additions of garages.

Discussion further ensued on the sound study.

Council Vice President Woloohojian stated concern with the town bearing the brunt of the growing pains at the truck stop.

Discussion ensued on well and water on the site.

Sandra Bockes commented on report provided by the Conservation Commission on tanks leaking in CA and concerns for the site in West Greenwich. Town Administrator Breene advised in RI there are strict regulations and did not believe that would be a concern here.

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014

Chief Ramsay explained surveillance on the truck stop. He also advised he visited with TA with Town Administrator Breene and commented on the status of the no-idling signs. He also commented on the boulders to prevent trucks from parking in the back near neighborhood and believes they are trying to satisfy the conditions.

Karin Pelletier commented on the Planning Board meeting and the qualified sound study. She also commented on the scope of the study and stated concern with the integrity of the study for the applicant is paying for the study.

Town Administrator Breene questioned Town Planner Paquet on the parking area. The Planner advised the rocks will designate the no idling zone.

Mike Madden, 54 Breakheart Hill Road wished to grant permission to preform the sound study on his deck. He also commented on the vegetation. He questioned Chief if EPA was being brought in? Chief Ramsay stated that is a possibility.

Council President Tourgee recommended residents attend the Planning Board meeting.

Mike Madden stated appreciation to the Town Council for their time and effort.

Councilman Andrews questioned if this issue was worse? Town Administrator Breene explained the history and concern of idling, road traffic and internal traffic.

Discussion ensued on increase of truck traffic and fuel prices.

Council Vice President Woloohojian stated they are making a concerted effort to grow and questioned if the town can slow down growth on the site. Town Solicitor Ursillo advised they are still at Master Plan Review and explained requirements of preliminary and final plan approval.

Pelletier commented on changes on the site since the 90's.

G. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment made

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**1. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2 POTENTIAL LITIGATION-
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION ACTION INVOLVING JUNKYARDS**

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2014

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), 2 for Potential Litigation with Department of Business Regulation Action Involving Junk Yards. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

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

Councilman Andrews moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 8:12 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

Councilman Andrews moved to adjourn at 8:13 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
TOWN CLERK