

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH  
TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2015**

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A meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on March 9, 2015. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, Thomas Mulcahey and Linda Rekas Sloan. Also present were Town Administrator Kevin Breene, Town Treasurer Danielle Andrews, Tax Assessor/Collector Charlene Randall, and Claude Wright, Public Works Director.

**A. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

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

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Mulcahey –aye, Rekas Sloan - aye

**2. WORK SESSION ON FY 2015/2016 BUDGET**

Town Administrator Breene advised on discussions with Town Solicitor Ursillo regarding the Codification of Ordinances.

Council Vice President Woloohojian recused at 6:43 P.M.

Annette Feldman, Librarian and Ken Lonngren, President of Louttit Library arrived at 6:45 P.M.

The Louttit Library Budget was reviewed.

Discussion ensued on Library roof.

Discussion ensued on an application for funds with the Champlin Foundation.

Council President Tourgee questioned the pay and hours of the library staff. Librarian Feldman explained the pay and hours of the staff.

Council President Tourgee questioned if volunteers were utilized and allowed by the State. Librarian Feldman explained she has reached out to the school district to have two summer internships and currently there are no volunteers.

Council President Tourgee questioned what groups are using the meeting space and if they were local groups. Librarian Feldman explained the procedure in using the meeting space and currently repeat users do have West Greenwich ties.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan questioned if rules were in place for room use. President Lonngren explained rules and policy are in draft and are under continual review.

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Discussion ensued on room use and fees collected toward building maintenance.

Librarian Feldman commented on the Police Dept. and thanked Chief Ramsay for the new policy for checking and locking up the community room after hours.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan questioned staff morale. Librarian Feldman stated everyone seems ok.

Council President stated his desire for only local groups to use the community room.

Discussion ensued on Library Board membership and Librarian Friends.

Librarian Feldman and President Lonngren of Louttit Library departed at 7:04 P.M.

Town Administrator Breene reviewed the fire hydrant locations in town and reviewed the map and listing submitted by Kent County Water Authority.

Council President Tourgee discussed adding a small paver to the Public Works Dept. inventory and requested Public Works Director Wright look into pricing out the paver.

Discussion ensued on potholes.

Council President Tourgee stated it is very important to residents to have well maintained roads.

The Public Works Dept. budget was reviewed.

Town Administrator Breene discussed chip seal and Fish Hill Road.

Public Works Director Wright reviewed roads that are in need of paving.

Discussion ensued on chip seal pros and cons.

Town Administrator Breene advised on the need to purchase a new sweeper and Town Planner Paquet had submitted a grant to offset the cost.

Discussion ensued on sweeper.

Public Works Director Wright reviewed the need for a new truck and inventory of the fleet.

Council President Tourgee requested pricing for a sweeper and paver for Wednesday meeting and requested Public Works Director Wright explain road conditions at the meeting.

Town Administrator Breene advised on the article in the paper regarding vendor identification and use of magnets in West Warwick.

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Discussion ensued on pushing snow across a roadway.

The salt and sand budget was reviewed.

Discussion ensued on Water Dept. and trees.

Public Works Director Wright departed at 7:45 P.M.

Councilman Mulcahey questioned fire rescue per diem.

Discussion ensued on per diem coverage.

Tax Assessor/Collector Randall explained tax revenue.

Discussion ensued on Open Space Bond.

Discussion ensued on use of surplus and tax rate.

Discussion ensued on funding the following requests: police vehicle, asphalt, codification and sweeper.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn at 8:26 P.M.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Mulcahey –aye, Rekas Sloan - aye

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC**  
**TOWN CLERK**