

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2015

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on June 10, 2015. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, and Robert Andrews. Also present 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 stated the town is looking to form a committee to plan some events for the town's 275th anniversary next year. Tax Assessor Randall stated Wendy Chapman is interested in serving on the committee.

Councilman Mulcahey arrived at 7:03 P.M.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan arrived at 7:04 P.M.

Council President Tourgee made the following announcements: Town Clerks Office and Tax Collections will be closing at 3:00 P.M. of June 30 for Fiscal Year End. The free summer concerts will run every Thursday from July 2 through September 3rd. They will start at 6:30 at the pavilion behind town hall. Seven of the ten bands have a local connection to town where as at least one band member either lives here or runs a business here. The EWG Boosters will be selling hamburgers & hotdogs. Schedules are available in town hall, on the town's website and at Centreville Bank. We'd like to thank the following sponsors who make these concerts possible: American Welding Company; Ursillo, Teitz & Ritch, Ltd.; John Howard Agency, Farm Family; West Warwick Auto City, Inc.; Centreville Bank; Inman & Tourgee Law Office and Dunkin Donuts. On Tuesday, June 23rd, local resident Tom Kilday will share his tried and true techniques for debt reduction, financial waste management and savings. This presentation will take place at the library and starts at 7 P.M.

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

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Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 13, 2015
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- MAY 13, 2015 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

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

1. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT – APRIL, 2015
2. POLICE DEPT. REPORT - APRIL, 2015
3. TOWN CLERK REPORT - APRIL, 2015
4. PLANNER’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT- APRIL, 2015
5. TREASURER’S OFFICE REPORT- APRIL, 2015
6. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL, 2015

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: STEVEN BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACLU
MAY 7, 2015
RE: ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST
2. COPY OF LETTER TO: STEVEN BROWN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACLU
FROM: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
MAY 15, 2015
RE: RESPONSE TO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST REGARDING EMPLOYMENT
3. COPY OF LETTER TO: DANIELLE ANDREWS, TOWN TREASURER
FROM: JOHN KROM, EWG SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR
MAY 12, 2015
RE: 2015 HENRY B. WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

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IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLE

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

	JUNE			
ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	CODE	
	<u>ABATEMENTS</u>			
02-0181-94	BIG JOHNS LLC	\$15,118.87	ABATE DUE TO SOLAR AGREEMENT	
12-0235-99	LEZETTE, DOUGLAS & THERESA	\$624.46	24	
12-0235-99	LEZETTE, DOUGLAS & THERESA	\$1.75	36	
23-0071-43	WG SOLAR	\$48,236.25	ABATE DUE TO SOLAR AGREEMENT	
	<u>ADDITIONS</u>			
02-0181-94	BIG JOHNS LLC	\$3,698.20	ABATE DUE TO SOLAR AGREEMENT	
	<u>REFUNDS</u>			
02-0181-94	BIG JOHNS LLC	\$135.45	36	
12-0235-99	LEZETTE, DOUGLAS & THERESA	\$1.75	36	
19-0039-56	SAVAGE, MARK C & TRACEY L	\$1,721.61	34	
20-0032-25	TENCHER, BRIAN P	\$1,058.85	34	

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

1. RECEIPT OF CHECK SUMMARY REPORT FOR
MONTH OF MAY 2015
FROM TOWN TREASURER

VI. POLE PLACEMENT

1. REQUEST OF VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. AND THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY- PETITION (WO#4A0B3ML)
RE: TO PLACE ONE (1) NEW JOINTLY OWNED POLE 1S ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BARNETT LANE SOUTHEASTERLY FROM VICTORY HIGHWAY

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E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Liquor Licensing Board. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

1. PUBLIC HEARING – DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON LIQUOR LICENSES EXTENSION OF PREMISES- M&J ENTERPRISES DBA THE WOODS TAVERN-45 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD

Mike Bereck was present from The Woods Tavern.

Chief Ramsay discussed the extension of liquor license and the following conditions that he recommended: The area where the event is being held will be roped off, allowing only one formal entrance/exit. No alcohol can be brought into the roped off area by a patron. No alcohol will be allowed to leave the roped off area with a patron. The liquor extension is only good for those events the Woods Tavern have applied for and been granted an event permit by the Town Council. Whenever there is an outside concert in conjunction with an event the Tavern will hire a detail officer to be on site. The permit for the following event will remain contingent on the success of the prior event.

Discussion ensued on events, fencing and liquor renewal.

The events were clarified in which the liquor extension would be granted: steak fry, chowder cook off, bbq cook off, and weekly horseshoe league.

Town Solicitor Ursillo advised the Council have the ability to control the extension and new events would be brought forward to the Council for approval or denial.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to grant the extension of liquor license to The Woods Tavern subject to conditions discussed by Chief Ramsay and compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to liquor license.

Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded.

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

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn as the Liquor Licensing Board and reconvene as the Town Council. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

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2 DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RENEWAL OF MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSE-

A. GREENWICH WEST INC. - 54 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD

B. BLUEBERRY HEIGHTS HOUSING COOPERATIVE CORP- VICTORY HIGHWAY

Town Solicitor Ursillo stated upon recommendation of the Town Administrator the license be granted contingent to the septic pumping requirement. Town Clerk Liese advised both license holders have provided the pumping requirement.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve the Mobile Home Park Licenses for Blueberry Height Housing Cooperative and Greenwich West Inc. subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to mobile home park license and payment of taxes. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CEMETERY COMMISSION

Council President Tourgee reviewed the letter from Robert Butler with reasons why a Cemetery Commission should be established.

Town Solicitor Ursillo discussed the law regarding access to Historical Cemeteries.

Discussion ensued on establishing a voluntary commission and to place this on the Town's website to solicit residents to serve.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to establish a Cemetery Commission and place the information on the Town's website to see who is interested in serving.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Council President Tourgee further clarified that residents cannot block access to cemeteries.

Town Solicitor Ursillo stated the reason for Town Administrator Breene's absence for he is serving on the committee to interview the new Fire Chief in Hope Valley.

4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON POLICY, PROCEDURES, AND FEES FOR LOUTTIT LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Council President Tourgee stated reasons why a policy would be implemented and the Town Solicitor had reviewed the policy.

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Town Solicitor Ursillo stated he had reviewed the policy and discussed this with Town Administrator Breene. He further explained there was concern with fees and Town Administrator Breene recommended that two Council members review the policy with the Library Board prior to adopting.

Council President Tourgee stated due to the short notice the Council could notify Town Administrator Breene of your interest in serving.

Councilman Mulcahey expressed interest in serving.

Annette Feldman, Librarian advised the Library Board will not meet in July and discussed concern with not having a policy in place during the busy season.

Council President Tourgee stated a special meeting should be established to review the policy.

Discussion ensued on use of the Community Center, fees, establishing an account for maintenance and resident connection with regard to use.

Councilman Andrews stated he would serve on the committee.

It was noted the next Library Board meeting will be June 16th and the Town Council could vote on the policy at the next Town Council meeting.

**5. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RESIDENT'S CONCERN OF PRIVATE ROAD-
CENTRE OF NEW ENGLAND BLVD.**

Council President Tourgee stated there has been several complaints regarding the status of Centre of New England Blvd; however it is a private road and the town does not have control over the road.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan commented on the status of receivership in trying to obtain a buyer for the property and settle the case and advised contacting the receiver if there is concern with the road.

Town Solicitor Ursillo advised he could send a letter on behalf of the Council to the receiver stating concern with the condition of the road.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved for the Town Solicitor to send a letter to the receiver stating concern with the condition of Centre New England Blvd.

Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded.

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

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Discussion ensued on funds for maintenance of the road.

Councilman Andrews recommended sending a copy of the letter to Coventry as well. Town Solicitor Ursillo agreed.

6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON SENATE BILL S-961 RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

Town Solicitor Ursillo reviewed the Supreme Court decision regarding North Kingstown overtime costs and changing hours to reduce those costs. He further advised other towns followed suit with changing hours. This Bill was developed to reverse the Supreme Court ruling and recommended sending a letter in opposition of S-961 in order to maintain West Greenwich management rights.

Council President Tourgee stated Coventry sent a letter in opposition and most towns were doing the same.

Discussion ensued on management rights, legislature and effects on the town.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to send a letter to our local Senators, Representatives and Governor Raimondo in opposition S-961 and H-268.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

G. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment was made.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to close the meeting and to go into Executive Session at 7:38 P.M. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A),2 Litigation- Swap Inc. Vs. Town of West Greenwich Planning Board SHAB 2013-01.Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

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H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**1. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2 LITIGATION-
SWAP INC. VS. TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH PLANNING BOARD SHAB 2013-01**

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 8:49 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

No action was taken.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC

TOWN CLERK