

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2015

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on July 8, 2015 Present were Susan Woloohojian, Thomas Mulcahey, Linda Rekas Sloan and Robert Andrews. Also present Town Administrator Kevin Breene.

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.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Vice President Woloohojian made the following announcements: Our free summer concerts will run every Thursday from July 2nd through September 3rd. They will start at 6:30 P.M. at the pavilion behind Town Hall. Schedules are available in Town Hall, on the Town's website and at Centreville Bank. Louttit Library has a great summer line up of programs for children on Tuesday evenings from July 14th through August 11th. They will also hold a "Touch a Truck" event the morning of July 22 with August 5th as a rain date. There will be town trucks, police cars, a fire truck, rescue and more for the kids to explore. Contact the library for more details regarding these events.

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 Mulcahey moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2015
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- JUNE 10, 2015 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

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

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. LAND TRUST – MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2015
2. FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS- MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 18, 2015
3. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT
FROM: PATRICIA RUIZZO, SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
JUNE 8, 2015
RE: FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 APPROPRIATIONS

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **INTRODUCTION OF THE OLDEST FEMALE AND MALE RESIDENTS-
RUTH SWEET & GEORGE WHEATLEY (This Item was taken out of order).**

Ruth Sweet and George Wheatley were present.

Town Administrator Breene reviewed the history of the oldest citizen recognition.

Council Vice President Woloohojian presented the following Proclamation to Ruth Sweet:

WHEREAS, Ruth Sweet and her late husband Warren moved to Breakheart Hill Road in the Town of West Greenwich in 1952; and

WHEREAS, They raised their four children Jean, Paul, Jim and Peter who attended the West Greenwich Schools and were involved in many community activities; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was very involved with the West Greenwich PTA and served as the Town Health Officer and was always willing to help any Town Resident in need; and

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WHEREAS, Ruth graduated from Newport School of Nursing in 1944 and retired from nursing at Kent County Memorial Hospital in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Ruth and Warren traveled extensively and visited 49 of the 50 States; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was born on October 10, 1923 and still actively resides in Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the West Greenwich Town Council, and on behalf of the Residents of West Greenwich, do hereby extend to you congratulations on your recognition as West Greenwich's Oldest Female Citizen and thank you for the many contributions you have freely given to the Town throughout those years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the Town of West Greenwich to be affixed this 8th day of July, 2015.

Ruth Sweet commented that she loved living in the country; as she grew up in Providence. She also commented on how the Town had grown and when her husband and she settled in West Greenwich, originally there were gravel roads and not many houses.

Council Vice President Woloohojian presented the following Proclamation to George Wheatley:

WHEREAS, George Wheatley and his late wife Muriel moved to West Greenwich in 1951 after both graduating from the University of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, George became Farm Manager at Hianloland Farm for the Louttit Family, W. Alton Jones and the University of Rhode Island until his retirement in 1985; and

WHEREAS, George and Muriel raised five children George, Karen, Joe, Beth and Susan who all attended the EWG Regional Schools; and

WHEREAS, George was a member of the School Committee for 13 years and helped establish the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District, serving as the first Chairman of the district; and

WHEREAS, George served as Chief of the Hianloland Fire Company for 13 years and also as Deputy Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, George was an original member of the Planning Board and served the Town in several other ways through the years; and

WHEREAS, George was born on December 26, 1924 and still actively resides in Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the West Greenwich Town Council, and on behalf of the Residents of West Greenwich, do hereby extend to you congratulations on your recognition as West Greenwich's Oldest Male Citizen and thank you for the many contributions you have freely given to the Town throughout those years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the Town of West Greenwich to be affixed this 8th day of July, 2015.

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Council Vice President Woloohojian recused and Councilman Andrews assumed the role of the Chair.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Councilman Andrews advised on the meeting held with Louttit Library Board.

Library President Ken Lonngren discussed the status of meeting and reviewed the fee structure.

Town Administrator Breene questioned the security deposit.

Lonngren reviewed the use of the room and deposit. He also stated reducing the fee would not replenish a sustainable maintenance fund.

Librarian Feldman advised on the chart created on usage of the Community Center. She further discussed the feedback she received on the damage deposit from groups currently using the center.

Lonngren stated if the Town Council was not in favor of eliminating the deposit fee, the Town could fund the maintenance.

Town Administrator Breene responded the Town Council represents all groups and the Town does provide substantial funding for the library including the janitor, lawn maintenance, and new roof.

Discussion ensued on fees and groups using the Community Room.

Councilman Andrews recommended eliminating the damage deposit and have the groups sign an agreement stating they will be responsible for any damage.

Discussion ensued on reduction in use of the building.

Lonngren suggested approving the policy with eliminating the damage fee and capturing fees for private party.

Feldman stated to have a private party at the Community Room you must be a West Greenwich Resident.

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Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the policy with the following amendments to the fee structure: West Greenwich Resident's private party fee will be \$100.00 with a \$50.00 refundable deposit. Non- West Greenwich Resident's will not be permitted to hold a private party or recurrent use; however a single use will be allowed at the cost of \$100.00 fee with a \$50.00 refundable deposit. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

It was further explained the damage deposit will only occur for private parties

Town Administrator Breene clarified the use of the Chambers and the Pavilion.

Feldman stated she was pleased with resolving this matter.

Council Vice President Woloohojian resumed the role of Chair.

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

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

2. LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD
DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE- LAKE MISHNOCK FIRE DEPT.
PIG ROAST- AUGUST 22, 2015

It was noted that the Lake Mishnock Pig Roast is a yearly fundraiser that has been held with no issues.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to grant the One Day Liquor License to Lake Mishnock Fire Dept. for the Pig Roast to be held on August 22, 2015 subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to liquor licenses. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

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

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

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON APPOINTMENTS TO LAND TRUST-
TERI CICERO- 135 FRY POND ROAD
KEVIN NOWICKI- 74 WILLS SWAMP ROAD
ANTHONY TAVARES-9 OLD RACCOON HILL ROAD

Discussion ensued on appointments with regard to terms.

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Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to appoint Teri Cicero and Kevin Nowicki to the Land Trust for a term expiring May, 2016 and to appoint Anthony Tavares with a term expiring May 2020. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

G. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment was made.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to close the meeting and to go into Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2 Litigation- Swap Inc. Vs. Town of West Greenwich Planning Board SHAB 2013-01. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

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 7:53 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

No action was taken.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to adjourn at 7:54 P.M.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
TOWN CLERK