

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH**

**TOWN COUNCIL**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on September 9, 2015. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, and Linda Rekas Sloan. Also present 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: Celebrate West Greenwich Day will be held on Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> from noon until 5 P.M. directly behind town hall. You must register ahead of time for the chicken dinner, the apple pie contest and the digital photo contest. The Prescription Drug Turn In at the Police Station will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Bring in any unused or expired prescription drugs to be disposed of. The transfer station is no longer open on Wednesday evening. Hianloland's Annual Chowder and Craft Show will be held in their fire station on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Louttit Library Movie Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M. in the Community Center. The movie will be Cinderella (2015) and is rated PG. He also commented on the Summer Concert Series.

Council President Tourgee stated Councilman Mulcahey asked to be excused for he is ill.

Town Administrator Breene advised Public Works will be doing chip seal shortly on Wood River Lane.

Attorney John Pagliarini stated the realignment of Breakheart Hill Road should be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. He also stated he has been working with Town Solicitor Ursillo on the deeds, which will be completed shortly.

Council President Tourgee further clarified the work to be completed on Breakheart Hill Road to have a safer intersection at the truck stop with the addition of the turning lane. He also thanked the Residents for their patience.

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**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 recused from Consent Item No.7 in Correspondence.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

**I. MINUTES**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2015
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- AUGUST 5, 2015 (SEALED)

**II. REPORTS**

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

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

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2015
2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION- MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 9, 2015
3. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2015
4. FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS- MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 20, 2015
5. LAND TRUST- MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 14, 2015

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6. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
FROM: REPRESENTATIVE DOREEN M. COSTA, DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER  
JULY 29, 2015  
RE: QUONSET AIR MUSEUM
7. COPY OF AGREEMENT AND RELEASE CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF  
PHEBE SHEPARD'S LAND DONATION TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
8. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
FROM: DAVID H. STEARRETT, CFM CHIEF, FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT  
AUGUST 18, 2015  
RE: FEMA

**IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLE**

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SPECIFIC UNCOLLECTABLE  
AND VOTE REGARDING SAME – AUGUST, 2015

<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CODE</u>
		<u>ABATEMENTS</u>		
04-0150-76	DRUMHELLER, ROGER L		66.59	08
12-0058-40	LANE ITALIANE, BETH ANNE		29.61	02
13-0064-26	MAILFINANCE INC		74.77	13
13-0399-57	MORGAN, ERNEST F II		533.95	05
13-0489-84	MOULTON, GREGORY P & KAREN L		8735.84	24
16-0235-67	POPEYE'S		4823.63	15
19-0023-37	SALISBURY, JOHN D		247.26	35
22-0054-95	VIRGULAK, SCOTT S (2015 MV TAX ROLL)		513.54	04
22-0054-95	VIRGULAK, SCOTT S (2014 MV TAX ROLL)		9.55	04
		<u>ADDITIONS</u>		
13-0399-57	MORGAN, ERNEST F II		297.63	05
13-0489-84	MOULTON, GREGORY P & KAREN L		7914.29	24
		<u>REFUNDS</u>		
07-0021-84	GARDNER, CHARLENE & RONALD L SR (EST OF)		\$31.03	34
10-0025-00	JARBEAU, NORBERT J JR & ROSALINA D		\$912.80	34

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**V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT**

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

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **CONSERVATION COMMISSION THANK YOU PRESENTATION TO-  
NEW ENGLAND MOUNTAIN BIKE ASSOCIATION  
OCEAN STATE JEEPSTERS  
RHODY ROVERS**

Sandy Bockes from the Conservation Commission stated the following: For more than ten years the Conservation Commission has been holding an Earth Day Cleanup in the Big River and Mishnock areas. Over that time, with the help of a great many people, we have filled dumpsters with literally tons of trash and refuse, including furniture and appliances, old boats, parts of vehicles, construction debris, roadside litter, and many thousands of tires. We very much appreciate the help we have received from all those who have chosen to give up a nice Saturday in April in order to muck about in the woods, often, if it was raining, getting really wet and dirty, to clean up other people's trash. Many people come back every year. This year we had over 150 participants. Several years ago our efforts got a big boost when Peter Gengler, from the Mountain Bike Association, came to one of our meetings saying that they would like to get involved in the cleanup. Since then his maps and organizational skills have been a great help, as have all their members. After that a second and then a third group has joined us and all have made it possible to remove some quite large items from the woods of this beautiful part of Town. Tonight we would like to recognize and thank these three groups who have chosen to partner with us in our annual cleanup. They have generously contributed man and woman power, machinery, and money, all of which are a large part of making the cleanup a big success each year. They are: New England Mountain Bike Association, Ocean State Jeepsters, and Rhody Rovers Motorcycle Club. We would like to present these plaques as a small token of our very great appreciation for the support and help given to us by each of these groups.

Council President Tourgee presented New England Mountain Bike Association, Ocean State Jeepsters, and Rhody Rovers with recognition plaques.

Dan Novak, President of the Conservation Commission further thanked the groups for their effort in the Annual Earth Day Cleanup and recommended visiting the website to see the video. He also thanked the Council for their work and also stated appreciation for the Pavilion.

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Council President Tourgee recommended placing the cleanup video on the town's website.

Council President Tourgee further commented on the dumping of garbage.

Mr. Gengler stated 15-20% is new trash and the majority of what they are cleaning up is old trash that have been in the Big River Area for several years.

Dan Novak stated you see civic angels that individually cleanup the streets.

**2. FIRST READING ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 91 RELATING TO FLOOD PLAIN SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS**

Jennifer Paquet, Town Planner explained the town has been in the National Flood Insurance program since 1982 and benefit of being in the program and the dates are the only thing changing in the Ordinance.

Town Administrator Breene questioned flood areas in town.

Discussion ensued on the need to have a Special Town Council meeting to adopt the change prior to the deadline.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to accept first reading of Ordinance No. 91.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

**3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD**

Town Administrator Breene recommended John Ruzzo be appointed.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to appoint John Ruzzo to the Zoning Board of Review . Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded.

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

**4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REQUEST OF MIKE KENT/ CEDAR RIDGE SANITARY SEWER MAIN PERPETUAL EASEMENT- REQUEST TO PROVIDE A BANK LETTER OF CREDIT IN LIEU OF CASH BOND**

Town Administrator Breene explained the project status of Cedar Ridge and the sanitary sewer project. He stated that the project will have two phases one to allow for the sewer line under Route 95 and the second phase will commence when building is complete.

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Mike Kent present from Cedar Ridge explained his request

Discussion ensued on the sewer line.

Town Solicitor Ursillo stated he does not have concern with the bank line of credit in lieu of cash bond.

Discussion ensued on status of construction and bond.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to accept the bank letter of credit in lieu of cash bond for the Cedar Ridge Sanitary Sewer Main Perpetual Easement. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

**5. DISCUSSION ON AND VOTE ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE QUONSET AIR MUSEUM**

Council President Tourgee explained the need for the Resolution.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve a Resolution in support of the Quonset Air Museum. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL NO: 2015-2  
IN SUPPORT OF THE QUONSET AIR MUSEUM**

**WHEREAS** The Quonset Air Museum has been a catalyst in keeping the legacy and history of military aviation for our town, state and nation alive; and

**WHEREAS**, The Museum functions as a research, education, and exhibit facility to preserve Rhode Island's rich aviation history; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1992, the air museum has educated the public from all over the world in our State's aviation legacies and displays collections that document the contributions of Rhode Islanders to the growth and development of aviation and space exploration; and

**WHEREAS**, There is a present need for a museum focused on the history of North Kingstown and the State of Rhode Island's place in our nation's rich aviation history; and

**WHEREAS**, The Quonset Air Museum fills this need while bringing added tourism and complementing our extremely successful Rhode Island National Guard Open House and Air Show;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Council of the Town of West Greenwich: 1) fully supports the endeavors of the Quonset Air Museum to remain at its current location, work on a plan to remediate its building maintenance issues, and return stronger than ever to bring Rhode Island and North Kingstown's rich military aviation

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heritage and important events to life; 2) would not endorse any plans for the Rhode Island Airport Corporation to evict, remove or place the Quonset Air Museum and its artifacts in jeopardy of destruction, deterioration, repossession, or private purchase for personal gain; and 3) respectfully requests that the Rhode Island Airport Corporation work with the Quonset Air Museum and North Kingstown Town Council , on a plan to keep the museum in its rightful place and retract its eviction notice for September 2015, since the museum still has six years on its lease with the Corporation; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gina Raimondo, State President M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Speaker of the House Nicholas A. Mattiello, State Senator Elaine J. Morgan, Senator Nicholas D. Kettle, Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis, State Representative Sherry Roberts, State Representative Antonio Giarrusso, The Quonset Development Corporation Board of Directors, the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, and all Cities and Towns seeking their support in opposing same.

**6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CONTRACT WITH INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS LOCAL 517**

Town Administrator Breene advised this item will be taken after Executive Session; however no vote will be taken tonight.

**G. PUBLIC FORUM**

Council President Tourgee thanked Representative Roberts for attending the meeting.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to close the meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A)6 Prospective Business or Industry- Grandeveille at Greenwich, RIGL 42-46-5, (A),2 Litigation- Swap Inc. Vs. Town of West Greenwich Planning Board SHAB 2013-01; pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A) 2, Potential Litigation Highway Auto Parts; and pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A) 2 Collective Bargaining relative to International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 517.Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 6 PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY- GRANDEVILLE AT GREENWICH**
- 2. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2 LITIGATION- SWAP INC. VS. TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH PLANNING BOARD SHAB 2013-01**
- 3. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2 POTENTIAL LITIGATION- HIGHWAY AUTO PARTS**
- 4. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RELATIVE TO: INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS LOCAL 517**

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Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 9:31 P.M. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Rekas Sloan - aye

**6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CONTRACT WITH INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF  
POLICE OFFICERS LOCAL 517**

No action was taken on this matter.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn at 9:32 P.M.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Rekas Sloan - aye

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC**

**TOWN CLERK**