

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 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 7:08 P.M.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Tourgee made the following announcements: There is a link on the town's homepage for Health Source RI. Open enrollment takes place from November 1st through January 31, 2016. For those who are interested in reviewing and comparing Medicare prescription plans for better coverage, higher quality and lower cost. A representative will be at the Town Hall the morning of October 19th. Please call 732-4660 x 112 to make an appointment.

Town Administrator Breene further clarified the website for Residents to make an appointment with Health Source RI.

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

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan requested Correspondence item 4 be pulled for further consideration.

Council Vice President Woloohojian requested Correspondence item 6 be pulled for further consideration.

Council President Tourgee requested Correspondence item 12 be pulled for further consideration.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence items 4,6,12 pulled for further consideration.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

I. MINUTES

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2015
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

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

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS- MINUTES OF MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2015
2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION- MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2015
3. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: DENISE J. POYER, COORDINATOR
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
RE: WOOD-PAWCATUCK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION BILL AND STUDY COMMITTEE
5. COPY OF LETTER TO: HIGHEST ELECTED OFFICIAL
FROM: MARGARITA H. CHATTERTON, SENIOR SANITARY ENGINEER
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
RE: RIPDES GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES
7. COPY OF LETTER TO: HONORABLE KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: MICHAEL A. URSILLO, TOWN SOLICITOR
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
RE: GREENE ENERGY

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8. COPY OF LETTER TO: ERIN F. LIESE, TOWN CLERK
FROM: DALE S. HOBERTON, TOWN CLERK
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
RE: QUONSET AIR MUSEUM
9. COPY OF LETTER TO: POLICE CHIEF RICHARD RAMSAY & COUNCIL PRESIDENT
TOURGEE
FROM: T.P. SCHWARTZ
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015
RE: WEAVER HILL ROAD PUBLIC SAFETY
10. COPY OF LETTER TO: BRAD OWENS, EIT
FROM: JENNIFER PAQUET, TOWN PLANNER
OCTOBER 2, 2015
RE: BIG RIVER BRIDGE NO. 34
11. COPY OF LETTER TO: RICHARD VERVILLE, CHIEF
FROM: JENNIFER PAQUET, TOWN PLANNER
OCTOBER 2, 2015
RE: 115-CWG

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLE

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

<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u> <u>NAME</u> <u>ABATEMENTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CODE</u>
03-0347-47	COURCY ROBERT S	82.58	38
19-0049-13	SCHINKOWSKI DAVIDE R	844.02	02
19-0078-73	SERAFIN JUSTIN A	185.65	02
20-0093-43	TIM HORTONS OF NEW ENGLAND INC (2015 MV)	156.99	02
20-0093-43	TIM HORTONS OF NEW ENGLAND INC (2014 MV)	209.60	02
	<u>ADDITIONS</u>		
19-0049-13	SCHINKOWSKI DAVIDE R	683.37	02
19-0078-73	SERAFIN, JUSTIN A	113.04	02

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V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

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

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RE-APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CLAUDE WRIGHT

Council President Tourgee commented on the service of Public Works Director Wright.

Council Vice President Woloohojian stated it was an honor to hear on NPR Radio this winter the wonderful report on the conditions of West Greenwich roads.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to re-appoint Claude Wright as Public Works Director for a five year term. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

**2. PUBLIC HEARING- ABANDONMENT OF GRAVES LANE – 10 FOOT WIDE DRIFT WAY
AP 1 LOT 10-2 AND 10-3**

Attorney John Brunero reviewed the Graves Lane abandonment petition, which is a ten foot wide drift way located at AP1 Lot 10-2 and 10-3.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan questioned why the drift way is to be abandoned. Attorney Brunero stated the Planning Board requested the abandonment during review of the Cedar Ridge Preliminary plan for the drift way is no longer used.

Discussion ensued on the location and ownership of the drift way.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to approve of the abandonment of Graves Lane, a 10 foot wide drift way, as it has ceased to be useful to the public. The costs with the abandonment shall be paid by the applicant. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Town Administrator Breene reviewed the process of abandonment of town roads.

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3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING COMMITTEE

Council President Tourgee stated the need for members to serve on the EWG School District Building Committee.

Town Administrator Breene stated John Ruzzo had stated interest in serving and he had reached out to Councilman Mulcahey to see if he was interested.

Discussion ensued on appointments.

Vice President Woloohojian moved to appoint Councilman Mulcahey and John Ruzzo to the EWG District Building Committee. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Town Administrator Breene advised there is still a vacancy in the committee.

Council President Tourgee stated if any residents of the town are interested in serving please notify Town Administrator Breene.

4. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE WEST GREENWICH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Jennifer Paquet, Town Planner advised the Planning Board has begun the process for the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The current 20 year plan is old and they are currently collecting data to update the existing chapters. She further explained you can find more information about this update, along with our existing plan at the following website:
wgtownri.org/departments/planning.comprehensive_plan.

Town Administrator Breene questioned how much the State contributes to the plan. Town Planner Paquet advised approximately \$9,000.00.

5. DISCUSSION ON FUTURE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE REGARDING MARIJUANA

Town Solicitor Ursillo commented on the need to adopt legislation due to the State law on marijuana. He further explained this would allow the Town more control on locations and applications would be made through Special Permits. He stated his firm is working on drafts for Council review.

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Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to authorize the Town Solicitor to prepare a proposed amendment to the Zoning Code regarding marijuana for Town Council review and consideration. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

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.

The following items pulled from the Consent Agenda were considered.

4. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: CHRISTOPHER M. MCGRATH, RI DOH
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
RE: MEDICAL EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan questioned why the Town lost money for the grant. Town Administrator Breene stated the EMA Director Brooke Lawrence failed to fill out the appropriate paper work. He further explained that the Town received the full amount this year for Chief Ramsay filed the paperwork.

6. COPY OF MEMO TO: DANIELLE ANDREWS, TOWN TREASURER
FROM: JENNIFER PAQUET, TOWN PLANNER
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015
RE: MUNICIPAL RECYCLING REVENUE PROFIT SHARING FY END 2015

Council Vice President Woloohojian requested Town Planner Paquet to explain recycling. Town Planner Paquet stated currently West Greenwich recycling rate is 27 % and the State average is 35 %.

Town Planner Paquet commented on the financial savings for recycling.

Town Solicitor Ursillo explained tipping fee costs.

Discussion ensued on recycling and licensing haulers.

Town Administrator Breene stated that Tax Assessor Randall had pointed out the large amount of units at Patriot Way and we should determine if they recycle.

Town Solicitor Ursillo suggested he could draft an ordinance regarding licensing haulers.

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12. COPY OF LETTER TO: CHIEF RICHARD RAMSAY
FROM: PETER T. GAYNOR, RIEMA
OCTOBER 1, 2015
RE: GRANT AWARD

Council President Tourgee read the following letter from Peter T. Gaynor, RIEMA: This letter serves as notification that your agency has been awarded FY 2015 State Homeland Security Grant: 39-01-FY2015 in the amount of \$71,000.00.

Chief Ramsay stated he had applied for this grant three times and the department was lucky enough to receive it this year. He also stated he will use the funding to renovate the Police Dispatch area as well as purchase radio equipment. This grant is non matching so no cost to the tax payers.

Town Administrator Breene asked the Chief if they will be using a trailer during the renovation. Chief Ramsay stated yes they will be using a trailer borrowed from DMAT.

Council President Tourgee stated the EMA Director generosity to the town is excellent and the Director does a great job.

Discussion ensued on the Emergency Management services.

Town Administrator Breene commented on the assistance provided during the hurricanes and funding.

Public Works Director Wright stated the EMA just acquired a mobile command center.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve Correspondence Items 4, 6 and 12 pulled for further consideration. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

G. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments.

Town Solicitor Ursillo stated the Council will reconvene in public session after Executive Session.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to close the meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:39 P.M. pursuant to, RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2 Litigation- Swap Inc. Vs. Town of West Greenwich Planning Board SHAB 2013-01 and pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A) 2 Collective Bargaining relative to International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 517. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - 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**
- 2. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RELATIVE TO: INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS LOCAL 517**

Councilman Andrews recused and departed.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 8:11 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

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve the Tentative Agreement with International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 517. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn at 8:12 P.M.
Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

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