

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH

TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on February 10, 2016. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Thomas Mulcahey, Robert Andrews, and Linda Rekas Sloan. Also present Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor 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: The Town of West Greenwich would like to give a shout out to Dorian Murray, the 8 year old from Westerly who is so bravely battling Cancer. The West Greenwich Town Council and all our residents are #DStrong. The board of canvassers is looking for poll workers. You must be a registered voter. You would have to take 1 class and work from 6 A.M. until 9 P.M. the day of the election. Please contact the town clerk's office if you are interested. Saturday, March 19 at 6:00 PM is the Land Trust Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction at the West Greenwich Fire Company #1, 830 Nooseneck Hill Road. Your local WG Land Trust holds a number of low cost educational events throughout the year to promote our mission to preserve open space and maintain existing agricultural, wildlife, recreational, scenic, and historical land uses which represent the natural heritage of the Town, through voluntary means emphasizing private ownership. Our March fundraiser dinner and silent auction is the only fundraiser of the year with proceeds used to sponsor and off-set our family oriented educational events. Once again, this year promises to be one of our most popular events with a complete family style turkey dinner prepared and served by the West Greenwich Fire Company volunteers, along with a silent auction featuring many arts and crafts made and donated by folks here in West Greenwich. Ticket prices remain at \$25.00 per person. As neighbors and friends, we ask for your continued support in our mission by joining us on March 19th. Living here in West Greenwich we continue to recognize the importance of our natural history in town and the lifestyle a rural community provides to us all. What better way to shake off the winter blues by sharing a home cooked dinner and silent auction with your friends and neighbors while at the same time helping us to "Keep the Green in Town" RSVP

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Now! Seating is limited, so please contact Steven Wright at 392-3628 to reserve your seats now. Silent auction items wanted! If you have or know anyone who would like to donate a silent auction item for our fund raiser, please let us know. Hand made arts and crafts are always a big hit. The West Greenwich Land Trust is proud to co-sponsor with the RI Forest Conservator's Organization (RIFCO). It's popular four Saturday morning series of workshops on woodland management topics this winter on Saturday mornings (9 A.M. until noon) from February 6, 2016 to February 27, 2016. The sessions include information on various land management topics, including soils and mapping, wildlife habitat, pollinators, insect pests and their controls, and, new to the program, sessions about climate change and historic/cultural resources. The first two sessions are being co-sponsored by the Scituate Conservation Commission and will be held at the Chopmist Senior Center on Chopmist Hill Road (Route 102), while the last two sessions are being co-sponsored by the West Greenwich Land Trust and will be held at the West Greenwich Community Center, located behind the Louttit Library at 274 Victory Highway (Route 102). A field session in the spring will be offered to bring the information out into the woods at the RIFCO Demonstration Woodlot, including tree ID, forest ecology, and wildlife habitat management practices. The topics will be presented by local scientists and professionals in the field, including foresters, biologists, a soil scientist, and state forestry experts. New topics included in this year's sessions includes the protection of historic features in our woodlands, and improving your woodlot's resilience in the face of increasing insect attacks, weather events, and climate change. According to Bill Fortune, the president of RIFCO and a Foster woodlot owner, "the workshops will help you realize more profit and enjoyment from your woodlands. We hope this learning experience will encourage future conservation of Rhode Island's forest resource." Pre-registration for the workshops is requested, along with a fee of \$15 each, or \$50 for all 4 workshops. RIFCO members get a \$5.00 per session discount. The spring outdoor workshop will be available free of charge, even if you haven't attended any of the indoor sessions. For more information and a registration form, please visit the RIFCO website at www.rifco.org, or call RIFCO at (401) 568-3421. RIFCO is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of Rhode Island's woodlands. RIFCO offers education on forestry topics, along with advocacy on forestry and land-ownership issues. RIFCO is a co-sponsor of the RI Tree Farm Program. The following Health Program Series will be held at Louttit Library: February 23rd at 6:30 P.M. Legal & Financial Planning for Families Caring for Alzheimer's Patients and March 1st at 6:30 P.M. Caregiver Wellness. All programs are free and open to the public. They are presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Coffee and cookies will be provided. I would also like

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to thank Claude Wright, Public Works Director and the Highway Department for the excellent job on the roads with the recent snow 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

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan requested Correspondence item 10 be pulled for further consideration.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence item 10 pulled for further consideration. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2016
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- JANUARY 6, 2016 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

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

1. TOWN CLERK REPORT – JANUARY, 2016
2. POLICE DEPT. REPORT – JANUARY, 2016
3. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT – JANUARY, 2016
4. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY, 2016
5. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY, 2016

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2015
2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2016
3. FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS- MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2015
4. COPY OF: MUNICIPAL LICENSE AND PERMIT FEE'S
FROM: DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE- DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE
JANUARY, 2016
5. COPY OF: NEWSLETTER
FROM: WAWALOAM SCHOOL
JANUARY, 2015 VOL. 7, ISSUE 9
6. COPY OF THANK YOU LETTER TO: WEST GREENWICH TOWN HALL
FROM: SYDNEY ANDERSON, EWG DECA
RE: 2015 DECA CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT
7. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: JANET E. OLSSON
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RE: HEALTH INSURANCE

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8. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: LINDA SHERMAN
JANUARY 6, 2016
RE: COMPLAINT
9. COPY OF LETTER TO: MICHAEL A. URSILLO, TOWN SOLICITOR
FROM: LINDA SHERMAN
JANUARY 20, 2016
RE: COMPLAINT
11. COPY OF EMAIL TO: STEVE WRIGHT, LAND TRUST TRUSTEE
FROM: MICHAEL A. URSILLO, TOWN SOLICITOR
JANUARY 13, 2016
RE: ALTERNATE VOTING
12. COPY OF LETTER TO: WEST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: T.P. SCHWARTZ-BARCOTT
JANUARY 20, 2016
RE: THANK YOU FOR TREE REMOVAL
13. COPY OF ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT
FROM: WENDY TAVARES, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SPECIFIC UNCOLLECTABLES
AND VOTE REGARDING SAME – JANUARY, 2016

<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CODE</u>
		<u>ABATEMENTS</u>		
19-0217-62	SOSCIA, BRUCE C		6207.70	24
19-0217-81	SOSCIA CONSTRUCTION LTD		7968.59	24
	<u>ADDITIONS</u>			
19-0217-62	SOSCIA, BRUCE C		3595.46	24
19-0217-81	SOSCIA CONSTRUCTION LTD		6440.42	24

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V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

1. RECEIPT OF CHECK SUMMARY REPORT FOR
MONTH OF JANUARY, 2016
FROM TOWN TREASURER

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

Senator Morgan addressed the Council on the funding cuts for regional school district's and advised on the hearing to re instate the funding to be held at the State House.

Town Administrator Breene commented on the history of regionalizing school districts and funding of the regional aid bonus. The school aid and transportation aid has been cut substantially and it is a large hit for small towns.

Discussion ensued on regional funding.

Senator Kettle addressed the Council on the Toll proposal at the state house and sends his regard from Representative Roberts who is addressing this matter at the State house. Senator Kettle commented on the impact of the Toll proposal and stated this will have a devastating impact on our economy and commented on the impact on local businesses such as Travel Centers of America.

Discussion ensued on Tolling and impact on West Greenwich.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

**12. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM COUNCIL
VICE PRESIDENT SUSAN WOLOOHOJIAN (This item was taken out of order)**

Council President Tourgee commented on the service of Vice President Woloohojian and read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Susan Woloohojian and her husband Jim moved to West Greenwich in 1997 and raised two daughters Lauren and Cara; and

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WHEREAS, Both Susan and Jim have served the community in many capacities, including the Library Committee, Building Committee's and the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, As a family they have always been involved in civic activities both in and out of the EWG School System, including sports, band and Future Farmers of America; and

WHEREAS, A small 4-H project with a few rabbits has grown into a herd of 30 purebred Guernsey cattle and a need for a real farm in Vermont; and

WHEREAS, Susan has been an honorable member of the West Greenwich Town Council since 2006 and served as Vice President since 2010, always putting the Town's best interest first; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the West Greenwich Town Council, and on behalf of the Citizens of West Greenwich, wish to thank Susan and her family for their many contributions to the betterment of our Town and wish them all good fortune in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the Town of West Greenwich to be affixed this 10th day of February, 2016.

Senator Morgan and Senator Kettle discussed the service of Council Vice President Woloohojian and presented her with a Citation from the Senate.

Council Vice President Woloohojian requested Tax Assessor Randall read her Facebook posting. Tax Assessor Randall referred it to Council President Tourgee to read. Council President Tourgee read the following: It will be a bittersweet night tonight as I attend my last Town Council meeting. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time serving West Greenwich and I love this town! Over the years I have served on interview and promotion committees, negotiated contracts, worked on budgets and did my best to represent each and every resident. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me for almost a decade! West Greenwich is a wonderful community. We are financially sound, have wonderful employees who are cross trained to assist you, 24 hour police coverage, a great library and community center, a good school system and our new, very popular pavilion where many events, including our summer concert series, are held. I am so thrilled to have been a part of all of it. As I think about how I strive to live my

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life, I think of the sayings about leaving things better than you find them or leaving more than you take. I hope I have succeeded. I know West Greenwich will always be a part of me! "Where we love is home - home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts". - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

1. PRESENTATION OF DONATION BY CENTREVILLE BANK

Vivian Warner Centreville Branch Manager presented the Town Council with a check for \$7,500 for WG 275th Anniversary and a check for \$500.00 for the Summer Concert series.

Warner stated Centreville Bank has been part of this community for 25 years and it is a pleasure to support the community.

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RE-APPOINTMENT OF TOWN CLERK- ERIN LIESE

Council President Tourgee commented on the service of Town Clerk, Erin Liese and her service has always been professional and friendly.

Town Administrator Breene commented on the organization of the Town Clerks Office and the work completed to secure the land evidence records.

Town Solicitor Ursillo stated Erin is the best Probate Clerk a Probate Judge could ask for.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to re-appoint Erin Liese as Town Clerk for a five year term. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE JUVENILE HEARING BOARD

Council President Tourgee stated Kim Moitoza, Stephen Barnabe and Herbert Larkin are due for reappointment.

Town Administrator Breene explained the appointments of the Juvenile Hearing Board.

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Chief Ramsay stated Sgt. Petrarca works directly with the board and explained the duties of the Juvenile Hearing Board.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to re-appoint Kim Moitoza for a three year term, Stephen Barnabe for a two year term and Herbert Larkin for a one year term to the Juvenile Hearing Board. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING-DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE REGARDING MARIJUANA

Town Solicitor Ursillo updated the Council on the most recent revisions of the Ordinance and the Planning Board has approved these amendments. He also stated the ACLU comments received are out of date.

Anne Armstrong, Deaconess of The Healing Church in West Greenwich requested Marijuana be referred to as Cannabis. She also discussed the healing benefits and use in the Healing Church.

Deaconess Armstrong stated concern with the restriction of emporiums and further explained the religious connections to Cannabis.

Town Solicitor Ursillo described the Medical Marijuana Act and explained this does not affect Medical Marijuana Card holders.

Council President Tourgee emphasized the need for residents who do not want this and those that do and the Ordinance needs to be a balance for both.

Discussion ensued on emporiums.

Deaconess Armstrong invited the public to the Healing Church.

Alan Gordon the Cannon of the Healing Church further explained the slang use of the word Marijuana.

Council President Tourgee stated the Town would need to reference the Statuary Law and the Ordinance would need to be named Marijuana.

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Town Solicitor Ursillo stated the law and argument Cannon Gordon had would be at the State level not the local.

Councilman Andrews questioned if Gordon was a resident. Cannon Gordon stated he was.

Discussion ensued on Marijuana on use and infringement of neighbors.

JoAnne Leppanen from the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition discussed the concerns that her patients and caregivers have regarding odor requirement.

Town Solicitor Ursillo advised the odor provision has been removed from the current draft. However further explained a compassion center would need ventilation.

Leppanen further explained regarding privacy and security of their patients and the work the Coalition does.

Town Administrator Breene requested Leppanen provide suggestion on what the Town is to do when a neighbor to a patient or caregiver who does not want to be identified has complaint of the odor being omitted.

Leppanen stated it was in no ones interest to be able to smell if they are growing and she would reach out to the grower to have those concerns addressed. If they are growing they want to protect the security of those plants.

Town Administrator Breene also stated concern with growers not pulling the appropriate building and electrical permits.

Discussion ensued on marijuana.

Geoffrey Butler property owner and tax payer questioned the effects on condominiums with regard to Co-op.

Town Solicitor Ursillo advised all Co-ops have been removed and those will be addressed going forward.

Discussion ensued on Co-ops.

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Council President Tourgee stated marijuana use and the law need to be clarified at the State level and these issues need to be addressed. This ordinance is minimal and in place to protect all residents.

Discussion ensued on residential and commercial use.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to close the public hearing.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Marijuana. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT TO
THE ZONING CODE OF THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH**

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Town Council of West Greenwich, Rhode Island, that the Zoning Ordinance of the Town be amended to include the following new Addendum:

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Article VII: Special Regulations

Section 20: Medical Marijuana-Related Uses

Definitions to add:

Compassion center means, as defined in R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-3, a not-for-profit corporation, subject to the provisions of chapter 6 of title 7, and registered under § 21-28.6-12, that acquires, possesses, cultivates, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, supplies or dispenses medical marijuana, and/or related supplies and educational materials, to patient cardholders and/or their registered caregiver cardholder, who have designated it as one of their primary caregivers.

Medical marijuana emporium means any retail or commercial establishment, or club, whether for-profit, non-profit, or otherwise, at which the sale or use of medical marijuana takes place.

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This shall include without limitation any so-called “vape lounge,” “vapor lounge,” or any other establishment at which medical marijuana is consumed in vaporized form. This shall not include a compassion center regulated and licensed by the State of Rhode Island, as defined herein.

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Section 1. Permitted Uses.

The Zone Use Matrix shall be amended as follows:

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Use Category	RFR- 2	RFR- 1	OSPL	NBHD BUS	HIGHWAY BUS	EXIT 7 SMD	INDUST A	INDUST B	CZD	SRD
91 MEDICAL MARIJUANA-RELATED USES										
915 Compassion Center	X	X	X	X	S	S	S	X	X	X
916 Medical Marijuana Emporium	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Section 2. Special use permit standards for Compassion Centers.

Compassion centers shall be permitted as a special use permit use in the Highway Business, Exit 7 SMD, and Industrial A zones, subject to the requirements of Article I, Section 7(C)(2), and all of the following additional requirements:

- (1) The requested use at the proposed location will not adversely affect the use of any property used for a school, public or private park, playground, play field, youth center, licensed day-care center, or any other location where groups of minors regularly congregate.
- (2) The requested use at the proposed location will be sufficiently buffered in relation to any residential area in the immediate vicinity so as not to adversely affect said area.
- (3) The exterior appearance of the structure must be consistent with the exterior appearance of existing structures within the immediate neighborhood.
- (4) The compassion center must not be located within:
 - a. One thousand (1,000) feet from the nearest Residential zoning district; or
 - b. One thousand (1,000) feet from the nearest house of worship, school, public or private park, playground, play field, youth center, licensed day-care center, or any other location where groups of minors regularly congregate; or
 - c. Two thousand (2,000) feet from any other compassion center.
- (5) The distances specified in the immediately preceding section (5) shall be measured by a straight line from the nearest property line of the premises on which the proposed compassion center use is to be located to the nearest boundary line of a residential district or to the nearest property line of any of the other designated uses set forth therein.
- (6) Hours of operation for a compassion center shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (7) Lighting shall be required such that will illuminate the compassion center, its immediate surrounding area, any accessory uses including storage areas, the parking lot(s), its front façade, and any adjoining public sidewalk. Lighting shall be hooded or oriented so as to deflect light away from adjacent properties.
- (8) The proposed compassion center shall implement the appropriate security measures to deter and prevent the unauthorized entrance into areas containing medical marijuana and shall ensure that each location has an operational security/alarm system.
- (9) Development Plan Review shall be conducted by the Planning Board.
- (10) All compassion center uses shall fully comply with all other licensing requirements of the Town of West Greenwich and the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

Section 3. Indoor cultivation required.

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 21-28.6-4(a), medical marijuana must be cultivated and stored in an indoor facility.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

5. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CLAIM AGAINST THE TOWN- SANDRA KOHLMAN

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Council President Tourgee explained the tire pothole claim received from Sandra Kohlman.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to forward the claims of Sandra Kohlman to the Town Solicitor. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RESOLUTION REGARDING H-7078 RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE EXETER- WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARTER

Town Administrator Breene explained the H-7078 Bill which is to ratify the EWG School District Charter changes.

Council President Tourgee questioned the changes and suggested tabling until more information could be obtained.

Charlene Randall, Tax Assessor explained the changes that were made to the EWG Charter.

Town Administrator Breene further explained the changes.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to endorse H-7078 in support of the Amendments to the Exeter-West Greenwich School District Charter. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

7. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RESOLUTION REGARDING GOVERNOR RAIMONDO’S PROPOSED TRUCK TOLL GANTRIES

Town Administrator Breene stated Senator Kettle addressed this earlier with the potential effects to West Greenwich. He also stated this will increase traffic on Route 3.

Discussion ensued on the effects of Truck Toll Gantries.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to send a Resolution in opposition of Governor Raimondo’s Truck Toll Gantries. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

8. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CREATION OF THE CELEBRATE WEST GREENWICH DAY AND 275TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

9. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON APPROVAL TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR A FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR CELEBRATE WEST GREENWICH DAY- 275TH ANNIVERSARY

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**10. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON DATE FOR CELEBRATE WEST GREENWICH DAY-275TH
ANNIVERSARY (Items 8,9,10 were taken in conjunction)**

Council President Tourgee commented that Celebrate West Greenwich Day had previously been done by Land Trust and read the following request from Charlene Randall: I am requesting to be placed on the February agenda for a discussion and vote on the following: Creation of the Celebrate West Greenwich Day/ 275th Anniversary Committee suggested members: Steve Wright, Town Resident and Land Trust member; Hank Webster, Town Resident; Sherry Roberts, Town Resident and State Representative; Corinn Pare, Town Resident; Wendy Chapman, Centreville Bank financial sponsor representative; Vivian Warner, Centreville Bank financial sponsor representative and Charlene Randall, Town Resident. Also discussion and vote on approval to go out to bid on a fireworks display with a suggestion that we spend no more than \$6,000 in the FY 2016 budget. Discussion and vote on setting a date for the Celebrate West Greenwich Day/275th Anniversary suggested for the weekend of Friday, September 23rd through Sunday, September 25th.

Town Administrator Breene stated if anyone would like to participate they can always join and are certainly welcome.

Discussion ensued on Celebrate West Greenwich Day and the scheduling due to weather.

Town Administrator Breene stated the Council needs to send a letter to the soccer association requesting they do not schedule any events that weekend due to parking and the use of the field for fire works.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan made the following motions: Creation of the Celebrate West Greenwich Day/ 275th Anniversary committee with the following members to serve: Steve Wright, Town Resident and Land Trust member; Hank Webster, Town Resident; Sherry Roberts, Town Resident and State Representative; Corinn Pare, Town Resident; Wendy Chapman, Centreville Bank financial sponsor representative; Vivian Warner Centreville Bank financial sponsor representative and Charlene Randall, Town Resident; Approve the request to solicit bids for a fire works display for the Celebrate West Greenwich Day/275th Anniversary not to exceed \$6,000.00;and to set the dates for Celebrate West Greenwich Day/275th Anniversary to be Friday, September 23rd through Sunday, September 25th with the request to be sent to the EWG Soccer Association requesting the organization to not schedule any events during that weekend. Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded.

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

It was noted that Randall should check to see if the dates conflict with Homecoming.

11. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON DATES FOR BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Town Solicitor Ursillo requested the Council move the March meeting due to a potential conflict.

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Discussion ensued on availability and it was determined the March meeting would remain as March 9, 2016.

Discussion was held on the budget development timeline.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan moved to set the Budget Workshops to be held March 14th and March 28th at 7:00 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for further consideration:

10. COPY OF EMAIL TO: MICHAEL O’CONNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FROM: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
JANUARY 7, 2016
RE: TIP FEE PROPOSAL

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan questioned the effects of the tipping fee increase.

Town Administrator Breene advised the increase in tipping fees could affect West Greenwich by an additional \$40,000.00. He further explained the effort from the RI League of Cities and Towns and municipalities to write a letter in opposition to RI Resource Recovery.

Discussion ensued on the effects of recycling.

Town Administrator Breene commented on article recently in the news paper stating Big River Management Area could be considered as a new location for the land fill. He advised the Big River Area was condemned for a water reservoir and that reason only and to transfer it to a landfill would be very difficult.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to close the meeting to go into Executive Session at 8:31 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: 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**

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 9:17 P.M. Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

No action was taken.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn at 9:18 P.M.

Councilwoman Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC

TOWN CLERK