

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on June 8, 2016. Present were Mark Tourgee, Linda Rekas Sloan, Robert Andrews, Mark Boyer and Thomas Mulcahey. 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. MOMENT OF SILENCE – RICHARD HUNTSMAN, JR.

A moment of silence was held for former Town Council member Richard Huntsman, Jr. who passed away May 24, 2016.

Town Administrator Breene commented on his service to the Town of West Greenwich and stated he was on the Town Council for 8 years and served on the East Greenwich Zoning Board.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to set aside a page in the minutes for Richard Huntsman Jr. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

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D. PRESENTATION OF FLAG RETIREMENT BIN FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 35

Collin Stephenson from Boy Scout Troop 35 a senior at Exeter West Greenwich presented the Council with a flag retirement bin he created as his senior project. He further explained his senior project and that the flag retirement bin will be stationed at Town Hall so flags can properly be collected and destroyed.

Stephenson explained the box was dedicated to Norman R. Gould, US Navy WW II.

Town Administrator Breene explained this was going to be presented at the parade but with the cancellation he asked Stephenson to present it tonight.

Council President Tourgee questioned Stephenson on his future after graduation. Stephenson explained he will enter the Coast Guard Academy.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Tourgee made the following announcements: Summer concerts will start the last Thursday in June at 6:30 behind Town Hall and will run through the first Thursday in September. Our Financial Town Meeting was held on Monday, June 6th and the budget passed with no increase to the tax rate. This is the 4th year of no increase. Tax bills will be mailed the beginning of July. There will be a community assessment survey sent out in the tax bills from the library. In order for our library to better serve our citizens, please take the time to fill it out and return it to the library. The Town Clerk's office will be closed for a computer upgrade on Monday, June 20th at noon time. The office will re-open on Tuesday, June 21st at 10 A.M. He also read the following announcement from the Conservation Commission: Dear West Greenwich Residents & friends, as part of the celebration for the 275th Anniversary of the founding of our town, a time capsule will be buried during the Celebrate West Greenwich Days, which are to be held on September 23rd and 24th. The Conservation Commission is collecting notes, letters and small items to be placed in the capsule. We invite everyone to participate in this fun activity. Maybe make it a family, or group project. What do you think our world, will be like in 25, 50, 100, or more years? Jot down your thought, as long or short as you want, seal them in an envelope, and drop them off in our box inside the Library, or mail them to us at the Town Hall, 280 Victory Highway. We are especially hoping the children and young people will want to do this, but would like to get letters from all generations because we're sure it will be fascinating, and maybe educational, for the ones in the future will be opening the capsule. Thank You. If you have any questions, please call our Secretary, Sandy Bockes, at 397-5022.

F. 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, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 11, 2016
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- MAY 11, 2016 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

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

1. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT – MAY, 2016
2. POLICE DEPT. REPORT - MAY, 2016
3. TOWN CLERK REPORT - MAY, 2016
4. PLANNER’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT- MAY, 2016
5. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT - MAY, 2016

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. LAND TRUST – MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2016
2. ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW- MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2016
3. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 4, 2016
4. COPY OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLE
KENT COUNTY DAILY TIMES
MAY 24, 2016
RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT THANK YOU FROM PAULA DAGLIERI
5. COPY OF MEMO TO: DANIELLE ANDREWS, TOWN TREASURER
FROM: JOHN KROM, EWG SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR
MAY 12, 2016
RE: HENRY B. WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

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6. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT
FROM: PATRICIA RUIZZO, DISTRICT TREASURER
MAY 16, 2016
RE: EWG SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
7. COPY OF RELEASE OF LIEN FOR JOHN PERRY PLAT 45 LOT 4-01
FROM: CHARLENE RANDALL, TAX ASSESSOR
MAY 16, 2016
RE: LAND USE CHANGE TAX R.I.G.L. 44-5-40
8. COPY OF LETTER TO: WEST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: DAVID SALVATORE, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
MAY 16, 2016
RE: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS MAGAZINE
9. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT
FROM: MARILYN HILLIARD, RISK ANALYSIS BRANCH CHIEF, FEMA REGION I
MAY 18, 2016
RE: FLOOD RISK REVIEW MEETING

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLE

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

<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CODE</u>
	<u>UNCOLLECTABLE</u>		
12-0271-24	LONEGRAN, STEVEN (2011 LEGAL)	400.00	31
12-0271-24	LONEGRAN, STEVEN (2010 TAX ROLL)	1305.02	31

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

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

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON AWARDING THE BID FOR THE AUDIT

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Town Solicitor Ursillo explained the recommendation from the Town Treasurer.

Council President Tourgee recused.

Councilman Boyer moved to award the Audit Bid to Nadeau Wadovick LLP for \$21,560.00 for the next three fiscal years. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON AWARDING THE BID FOR THE 2016 FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Tax Assessor Randall explained the bids received and the recommendation from Steven Wright to select option two from Pyrotecnico for \$6,000.00. She further explained Centreville Bank will be paying for the fireworks.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to award the bid for the 2016 Fireworks Display to Pyrotecnico, option two, in the amount of \$6,000.00. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON TAX EXEMPTION OF 50 BARNETT LANE

Attorney Thomas Cronin present for the applicant Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team (RIDMAT) introduced the applicant Thomas Lawrence and the owner of the property John Ruzzo.

Attorney Cronin further explained the request to make 50 Barnett Lane Tax Exempt under R.I.G.L 44-3-3 for RIDMAT qualifies as a 501 (c) (3) and meets the qualifications of volunteer ambulance or rescue.

Attorney Cronin further explained the services of RIDMAT.

Discussion ensued on RIDMAT services.

Councilman Andrews questioned Town Solicitor Ursillo if this qualified for the tax exemption. Town Solicitor Ursillo stated this meets the requirements.

Tax Assessor Randall stated the following concerns: the apartment rented for income should then be taxable, the property would not be income producing and the impact does not become effective until the 2017 tax roll for the 2016 tax roll is already certified.

Attorney Cronin stated he did not have any objections to the concerns.

Town Administrator Breene stated the Town is lucky to have the facility for their resources in a disaster.

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Councilman Andrews moved to grant Tax Exemption for 50 Barnett Lane with the following conditions:

1. Tax exemption is only granted to Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team (RIDMAT), a 501(c) (3) entity, subject to it owning the property.
2. The tax exemption will not be effective until January 1, 2017.
3. The property will not be income producing, and the apartment located on the premises will not be leased or occupied by anyone unless RIDMAT enters into a tax payment agreement with the Town.

Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

2. FIRST READING ON AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CEMETERIES

Council President Tourgee requested this item be continued to next month so a fiscal impact can be conducted.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to continue First Reading on an Ordinance relating to Cemeteries. Councilman Boyer seconded.

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

3. 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 Administrator Breene questioned the pumping requirement. Town Clerk Liese stated both Mobile Home Parks have met the appropriate requirements.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the renewal of Mobile Home Park Licenses for Greenwich West Inc. and Blueberry Heights Housing Cooperative Corp. Councilman Boyer seconded.

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

4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RECONSIDERATION OF THE HOUSING REHAB SET ASIDE MONEY AT THE STATE LEVEL

Town Administrator Breene explained there was funding available from FY 13 and FY 14 from South County Community Action.

Discussion ensued on the funding.

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Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to authorize South County Community Action to expend the remaining funds from FY 13 and FY 14. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

I. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to close the meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:28 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) Potential Litigation with Highway Auto Parts. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

J. 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 POTENTIAL LITIGATION- HIGHWAY AUTO PARTS**

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 7:43 P.M. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

No action was taken.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to adjourn at 7:44 P.M.

Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
TOWN CLERK