

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2008**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on December 10, 2008. Present were Thaylen Waltonen, Mark Tourgee, Robert Butler, Robert Andrews and Susan Woloohojian. Also present was Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Waltonen thanked outgoing council member Robert J. Andrews for his service.

OATH OF OFFICE – NEWLY ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

The following newly elected town officials were sworn in by Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo:

Town Council:

Thaylen H. Waltonen
Robert S. Butler
Mark D. Tourgee
Susan G. Woloohojian
Kelly A. Stewart

Town Sergeant:

Robert M. Smith

CONSENT AGENDA

Butler moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence Items 3, 4, 5, 8 and 12 removed for further consideration and a correction to the minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – abstain, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

I. MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008

II. REPORTS

1. TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS – NOVEMBER, 2008
2. TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT – OCTOBER 31, 2008
3. MONTHLY/QUARTERLY REPORT – PERIOD ENDING SEPT. 30, 2008

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. DATES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2009
2. RI E9-1-1- UNIFORM EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

DECEMBER 1, 2008

RE: NOTICE OF FEDERAL HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FROM
RI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ACQUIRE STATEWIDE
PICTOMETRY DIGITAL IMAGE LIBRARY

3. SGT. CRAIG S. BARONE
DECEMBER 4, 2008
RE: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE JOHNSON AS
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
4. SGT. RICHARD N. BROWN
DECEMBER 5, 2008
RE: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE JOHNSON AS
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
5. JENNIFER PAQUET, TOWN PLANNER
NOVEMBER 24, 2008
RE: CALCULATED QUOTA FOR ISSUANCE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING
PERMITS
6. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2008 MEETING
7. WEST GREENWICH LAND TRUST
NOVEMBER 24, 2008
RE: PLAIN MEETING HOUSE
8. RI LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS
NOVEMBER 13, 2008
RE: NEW ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WITH GEXA ENERGY
9. NOVEMBER 24, 2008
RE: DISBURSEMENT OF DEM FUNDS FOR THE TRACK RECREATIONAL
GRANT
10. MICHAEL A. URSILLO, TOWN SOLICITOR
NOVEMBER 25, 2008
RE: NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY V. RHODE ISLAND
MUNICIPALITIES
11. DIVIDEND CHECK FROM W.B. MASON
\$154.33
12. MEMO FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATION KEVIN BREENE
NOVEMBER 24, 2008
RE: PARKING
13. ARTICLE BY STEVE PEOPLES, JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU
RE: FISCAL ADVISOR URGES QUICK ACTION ON DEFICIT

IV. ABATEMENT, ADDITIONS & REBATES

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR – DECEMBER 5, 2008

November

ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
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Motor Vehicle Additions Back Years

2007

08-0038-77	Harrall, Andrew	\$127.21	Per Reg.
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Real Estate Abatements 2008-2009

08-0140-00	Heilmann, Robert E & Sandra J	\$3,721.03	Appeal Approved
13-0026-47	Madden, Michael R & Mary	\$5,865.29	Appeal Approved
16-0226-10	Poccia, David J & Lori A	\$6,150.58	Appeal Approved
19-0310-82	Sullivan, Michael P, Brooke M & Bonnie Sirios	\$4,076.86	Appeal Approved

Real Estate Additions 2008-2009

08-0140-00	Heilmann, Robert E & Sandra J	\$3,667.34	Appeal Approved
13-0026-47	Madden, Michael R & Mary	\$5,507.91	Appeal Approved
16-0226-10	Poccia, David J & Lori A	\$6,006.40	Appeal Approved
19-0310-82	Sullivan, Michael P, Brooke M & Bonnie Sirios	\$3,774.70	Appeal Approved

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR ZONING MAP CHANGE – THAYDEN & LINDA WALTONEN, PLAT 6, LOT 13-1, 389 MISHNOCK ROAD

Waltonen recused himself from the Council for this matter.

Butler moved to continue the hearing on this matter until February 11, 2009. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Butler nominated Thaylen Waltonen for Town Council President. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Tourgee nominated Robert Butler as Town Council Vice President. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SOLICITOR

Tourgee moved to appoint Michael A. Ursillo as Town Solicitor. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

APPOINTMENT OF PROBATE JUDGE AND DEPUTY PROBATE JUDGE

Tourgee moved to appoint Michael Ursillo as Probate Judge. Butler seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OFFICIALS

Tree Warden Thomas Leavitt

Butler moved to appoint Thomas Leavitt as Tree Warden.

Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Corder of Wood Clyde S. Fish II

Butler moved to appoint Clyde S. Fish, II as Corder of Wood.

Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Town Historian Charlotte Jolls

Butler moved to appoint Charlotte Jolls as Town Historian.

Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Electrical Inspector Kenneth Saccoccia

Butler moved to appoint Kenneth Saccoccia as Electrical Inspector.

Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Deputy Electrical Inspector Joseph Walsh

Butler moved to appoint Joseph Walsh as Deputy Electrical Inspector.

Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Plumbing Inspector John Kenney

Mechanical Inspector John Kenney

Butler moved to appoint John Kenney as Plumbing Inspector and Mechanical Inspector.

Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Deputy Town Clerk H. Cheryl Volpini

Butler moved to appoint H. Cheryl Volpini as Deputy Town Clerk.

Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Deputy Treasurer Jean Simpson

Butler moved to appoint Jean Simpson as Deputy Treasurer.
Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Range Officer Michael Andrews

Butler moved to appoint Michael Andrews as Range Officer. W
VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Asst. Range Officer Keith Laliberte

Butler moved to appoint Keith Laliberte as Assistant Range Officer.
Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

<u>Bonded Constable</u>	<u>Ronald Lepre</u>
<u>Bonded Constable</u>	<u>Robert M. Smith</u>
<u>Bonded Constable</u>	<u>Albert Taylor</u>
<u>Bonded Constable</u>	<u>Brad Barco</u>

Butler moved to appoint Ronald Lepre, Robert M. Smith, Albert Taylor and Brad Barco as Bonded Constables. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Communications Officer Thomas Olsson

Butler moved to appoint Thomas Olsson as Communications Officer.
Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Emergency Management Director Gregory Hitchcock

Stewart moved to appoint Gregory Hitchcock as Emergency Management Director.
Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye,

Asst. Emergency Management Director Sgt. Richard Brown

Stewart moved to appoint Sgt. Richard Brown as Assistant Emergency Management Director.
Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Animal Control Officer Wendy Tavares

Stewart nominated Michelle Johnson as Animal Control Officer

Three letters of recommendation for Michelle Johnson were noted; two contained in the Consent Agenda and one from West Greenwich Animal Hospital

3. SGT. CRAIG S. BARONE
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AS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
4. SGT. RICHARD N. BROWN
DECEMBER 5, 2008
RE: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE JOHNSON AS
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Stewart remarked on behalf of Michelle Johnson

Arthur Jordan from labor union noted that a determination was being made by the labor board as to whether this position was in the union.

Tourgee moved to hold a Special Council meeting on December 15, 2008 at 7:30 p.m on this matter. Butler seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – nay.

<u>Parade Co-Chairpersons</u>	<u>Peggy Fish</u>
	<u>Cheryl Drew</u>

Butler moved to appoint Peggy Fish and Cheryl Drew as Parade Co-Chairpersons. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

<u>Photographer/Videographer</u>	<u>Normand Leveillee</u>
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Butler moved to appoint Normand Leveillee as Photographer/Viderographer. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

<u>Fire Alarm Coordinator</u>	<u>Frederick Pendlebury</u>
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Woloohojian moved to appoint Frederick Pendlebury as Fire Alarm Coordinator. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

<u>911Coordinator</u>	<u>Karen Y. Blackwell</u>
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Butler moved to appoint Karen Y. Blackwell as 911 Coordinator. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CONSTABLES

LAURIE A. ALBRO
WILLIAM B. ALBRO
DONALD L. ANDREWS
ROBERT J. ANDREWS
BRADFORD BARCO
BRADFORD L. BARCO, JR.
ROBERT P. BONNEAU
RICHARD S. BROWN
PAUL BRUNEAU
ROBERT S. BUTLER
KENNETH CHAPMAN
ARTHUR E. DESAUTELS, JR.
ALICE L. DUFFY
THOMAS E. DUQUETTE
WILLIAM E. EDWARDS
JAMES FALVEY
JAMES FRANKLIN, JR.
RUSSELL FRANKLIN
KEVIN GOLDEN
ERIC GOULD
DONALD E. HARRINGTON
ERNEST P. HARRINGTON
MICHAEL HARRINGTON
KENNETH D. HOWARD
MICHELE JOHNSON
BRADLEY H. KEENAN
BRUCE LAWING
MICHAEL LAWING
GARY F. MALIKOWSKI
DAVID M. MARZELLA
NORMAN E. MCKEEN
ROBERT H. MEEHAN, JR.
ROBERT H. MEEHAN, SR.
SCOTE MILLER
RAYMOND L. MOFFITT, SR.
CHARLES J. MULCAHEY
JANET E. OLSSON
THOMAS K. OLSSON
DAVID PALUMBO
SHEILA K. PAQUETTE
GILBERT RATHBUN, III
HOWARD C. RICE
DAVID A. ROSSI
ROBERT M. SMITH
ALBERT E. TAYLOR
MARGARET M. TAYLOR
MARK D. TOURGEE
JUSTIN D. VAIL
ARTHUR H. VIERA, JR.
THAYLEN WALTONEN
JAMES C. WHEELER
SUSAN G. WOLOOHOJIAN

CLAUDE WRIGHT
KELLY A. STEWART

Stewart moved to appoint the above as Police Constables. Tourgee seconded.
VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

FIRST READING – AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 65 – ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL POLICY

Butler moved first reading of amendments to Ordinance No. 65 – Administrative Personnel Policy with second reading to be held on January 14, 2009. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS FOR BUSINESS LICENSING SOFTWARE

(not able to discern from the tape of meeting maker and seconder of motion)

moved to seek bids for business licensing software.

VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

**REQUEST FOR 2:00 A.M. CLOSING – NEW YEAR’S EVE
COVENTRY-WEST GREENWICH ELKS LODGE #2285
MISHNOCK BARN**

Stewart moved to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Liquor Licensing Board at 8:50 p.m. Butler seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Butler moved to grant the request of Coventry – West Greenwich Elks Lodge #2285 to remain open until 2:00 a.m. on New Year’s Eve. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Waltonen recused himself from the Council for this matter.

Stewart moved to grant the request of the Mishnock Barn to remain open until 2:00 a.m. on New Year’s Eve. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Tourgee moved to adjourn as the Liquor Licensing Board and reconvene as the Town Council at 8:52 p.m. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE – SET DATE FOR HEARING

Butler moved to set a hearing date of January 14, 2009 for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

RESIGNATION – LAND TRUST

A letter of resignation from the Land Trust was received from Helen Wilmot.

Butler moved to accept with regret the resignation of Helen Wilmot from the Land Trust. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

5. JENNIFER PAQUET, TOWN PLANNER
NOVEMBER 24, 2008
RE: CALCULATED QUOTA FOR ISSUANCE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS

Butler noted the number of students in the school system.

8. RI LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS
NOVEMBER 13, 2008
RE: NEW ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WITH GEXA ENERGY

Butler noted 9.3 cents per kilowatt hour.

12. MEMO FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATION KEVIN BREENE
NOVEMBER 24, 2008
RE: PARKING

Butler noted that the Town employees had been asked to park further from the building to allow for better access for the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following spoke in support of Michelle Johnson being reappointed as Animal Control Officer:

Burt Pignott 61 Hammitt View Drive
Richard Brown, 53 Bailey Drive
Carolyn Lacombe, John Potter Road & Animal Control Officer in Coventry
Sandy Andrews, Henry Brown Road
Ann Fisher, Animal Control Officer in Richmond
Dr. Ralph Pratt, West Greenwich Animal Hospital
Rose Gallucci, 386 Weaver Hill Road
Dean Goldman, Animal Control Officer in Exeter
Tammy Andrade, Robin Hollow Road
Chris Lafrennier

Robert Smith, 559 Victory Highway questioned if covered by personnel policy.
Breene noted appointed position not covered by personnel policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5,A, 1, 2 - PERSONNEL & LITIGATION & COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Butler moved to go into Executive Session for matters of personnel and litigation pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, a, 1 at 9:58 p.m. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Tourgee moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 10:10 p.m. Butler seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Butler moved to adjourn at 10:13 p.m. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Janet E. Olsson, CMC
Town Clerk