

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH  
TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2009**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on April 8, 2009. Present were Robert Butler, Mark Tourgee, Thaylen Waltonen and Kelly Stewart. Susan Woloohojian was absent. Also present were Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo. Butler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE – HOWARD ALBRO**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Howard Albro.

Town Administrator Breene commented on Howard Albro's life and service to the Town as a member of the Town Council, State Representative and Town Sergeant.

Tourgee moved to set a page aside in the minute book in his memory. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Tourgee moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence Items 5 & 7 and Reports Item 5 removed for further consideration. Stewart seconded.

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

## **I. MINUTES**

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2009
2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2009
3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2009

## **II. REPORTS**

1. TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS –MARCH, 2009
2. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH, 2009
3. POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH, 2009
4. TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH, 2009
5. BUILDING INSPECTOR’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH, 2009
6. PAYROLL REPORT  
PAY PERIODS MARCH 19, 2009 – APRIL 2, 2009
7. HIGHWAY DEPT. REPORT – MARCH 2009

## **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. SEN. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE  
MARCH 20, 2009  
RE: AMERICAN RECOVERY AND RELIEF ACT FEDERAL GRANTS
2. REPORT OF CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS FROM RESERVOIR HOMES
3. COPY OF LETTER TO JAMES M. WILUSZ, P.E., ENGINEER  
OFFICE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT, RIDEM  
FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN BREENE  
MARCH 26, 2009  
RE: REMEDIAL ACTION WORK PLAN RESPONSE DATED 23 FEBRUARY 2009  
REGARDING FORMER WEST GREENWICH LANDFILL, BATES TRAIL WEST  
GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND CLOSURE.
4. COPY OF LETTER TO PAUL BUCKLEY  
FROM DAVID TACEY, BUILDING OFFICIALS  
APRIL 1, 2009  
RE: 756 HOPKINS HILL ROAD / CARDI’S BLASTING
5. NARRAGANSETT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION

INVITATION TO EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FAIR HOUSING  
AWARENESS ESSAY AWARDS CEREMONY

6. RI INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST  
MARCH 2, 2009  
RE: TRUST OWNERSHIP PARTICIPATION SHARES (TOPS) DIVIDEND  
AMOUNT RECEIVED: \$495.00

7. LAURIE A. ALBRO  
APRIL 6, 2009  
RE: ERSRI - BUYBACK OF OFFICIAL LAY-OFF SERVICE

**IV. ABATEMENT, ADDITIONS & REBATES**

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR – APRIL 3, 2009

<u>March</u>			
ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
<b><u>MV Abatements 2008-2009</u></b>			
04-0007-10	Dantuono, David V	\$247.64	Correction to Amount
04-0007-15	Dantuono, Jill A	\$132.80	Correction to Amount
13-0244-76	McKeen, Douglas G	\$390.86	DMV Mistake
<b><u>MV Additions 2008-2009</u></b>			
04-0007-10	Dantuono, David V	\$207.41	Correction to Amount
04-0007-15	Dantuono, Jill A	\$99.86	Correction to Amount
13-0244-76	McKeen, Douglas G	\$315.13	DMV Mistake

**V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT**

1. MARCH, 2009

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REQUEST FOR REVERSAL OF ZONE CHANGE and FOR AMENDMENT TO  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY  
JEANNETTE LEPRE, PLAT 1 LOT 13, 49 DIVISION ST. AND THOMAS LEPRE,  
PLAT 1 LOT 15, 53 DIVISION ST.**

Attorney Nat Nazareth was present representing the Lepres.

Waltonen commented that legally the town should have had a reverter clause in the original decision and the whole parcel should go back the way it was. Stewart agreed with Waltonen.

Tourgee concurred with the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Solicitor Ursillo reported that the only property before the Council this evening was the Lepre lots.

Ray Dauplaise, 12 Carr's Pond Road – commented that he didn't want to go through the long process again. He stated he felt the Lepre's redress was with Mr. Cambio and not with the Town.

Paul Kaltschnee – 81 Carr's Pond Road – noted that the Council didn't always accept the Planning Board recommendation. He noted he felt the whole thing should revert back.

Susanne Martin – Carr's Pond Road – she noted that Lepre property was part of the buffer zone.

Discussion was held on negotiating with Mr. Cambio to have the Zoning on his property revert back.

Roger Martin – 21 Carr's Pond Road – noted his objections to this property reverting to Highway Business.

Attorney Nazareth noted the Lepre's wanted back what they had from 1969 -2008.

Susanne Martin commented that the neighbors felt the property should be zoned residential.

Stewart moved to continue this matter until June 10, 2009.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE (continued from January 14, 2009)**

A joint meeting was to be held with the Planning Board to review the amendments.

Tourgee moved to continue the hearing on this matter until June 10, 2009.

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

The following items that were removed from the Consent Agenda were considered:

5. BUILDING INSPECTOR'S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – MARCH, 2009

Butler noted the data contained in the report.

Joni Waltonen stated she felt the position should not be full-time.

5. NARRAGANSETT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CORPORATION  
INVITATION TO EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FAIR HOUSING  
AWARENESS ESSAY AWARDS CEREMONY

Butler noted 4 students from Exeter-West Greenwich were to be recognized and asked that who they were was ascertained.

7. LAURIE A. ALBRO  
APRIL 6, 2009  
RE: ERSRI - BUYBACK OF OFFICIAL LAY-OFF SERVICE

Town Administrator Breene reported on this matter and that it had been taken care of.

Tourgee moved to accept the items that had been removed from the Consent Agenda. Waltonen seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – abstain.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPOINTMENT OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

Kelly moved to set up the charter commission and accept application until the June meeting. Waltonen seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

### **APPOINTMENTS – CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Waltonen moved to reappoint to the Conservation Commission Daniel W. Novak and Joseph T. Unsworth for 3 year terms and Jane Roman as an alternate for a 1 year term. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF OAK RIDGE ROAD**

Waltonen moved to accept Oak Ridge Road as a Town Road. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

### **RESCHEDULING OF BUDGET HEARING AND FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING (HEARING: APRIL 29, 2009 FTM: JUNE 15, 2009)**

Waltonen moved to reschedule the budget hearing till April 29, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. and the Financial Town Meeting till June 15, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

### **REQUEST OF HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR LIQUID BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS**

Waltonen moved to grant the request of the Highway Supervisor to go out for bids for Liquid Bituminous products. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELIMINATION OF STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING**

Waltonen moved to endorse a resolution in support of elimination of straight party voting. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

### **DISCUSSION OF EWG BUDGET EFFECT ON WG TAXES AND COMMUNICATION TO WEST GREENWICH RESIDENTS**

Discussion was held on the effect of the school budget on West Greenwich's budget.

### **SET DATE FOR JOINT SESSION WITH THE TAX STABILIZATION COMMITTEE**

Waltonen moved to set a date of May 6, 2009 to meet with the Tax Stabilization Committee. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Thomas Mulcahey questioned the number of school employees.

Tourgee moved to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Waltonen seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Stewart – aye.

Janet E. Olsson, CMC  
Town Clerk