

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2009**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on January 14, 2009. Present were Thaylen Waltonen, Mark Tourgee, Robert Butler, Susan Woloohojian and Kelly Stewart. Also present was Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – HOWARD B. HOLLIS, JR. – FORMER TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER AND CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBER & ROBERT HOULIHAN

A moment of silence was held in memory of Howard B. Hollis, Jr. and Robert Houlihan, Former Chief of the Mishnock Fire Company.

Tourgee moved that a page each be set aside in the minute book in their memories. Butler seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye,

CONSENT AGENDA

Butler moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence Items 6 and 13 removed for further consideration. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – abstain, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

I. MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2008
2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2008

II. REPORTS

1. TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS –DECEMBER, 2008
2. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER, 2008
3. TOWN CLERK’S MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2008
4. BUILDING INSPECTORS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2008
5. POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2008
6. TOWN TREASURER MONTHLY REPORT
7. HIGHWAY DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2008
8. TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER 2008

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. AGENDA FOR JANUARY 20, 2009 ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING
2. AGENDA FOR JANUARY 26, 2009 FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS MEETING
3. FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS – MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008 MEETING
4. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2008 MEETING
5. RIDEM
DECEMBER 29, 2008

RE: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL GRANTS PROGRAM

6. RONALD ROUNDS – EWG-TV
DECEMBER 10, 2008
RE: BROADCAST OF COUNCIL MEETINGS
7. RIDOT
DECEMBER 31, 2008
RE: THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS RECOVERY PLAN PROJECT
8. MEMO FROM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN A. BREENE
DECEMBER 15, 2008
RE: MONTHLY REPORTS
9. MEMO FROM TAX ASSESSOR CHARLENE RANDALL
DECEMBER 15, 2008
RE: REVALUATION BUDGETING
10. MEMO FROM TOWN TREASURER COLLEEN DERJUE
JANUARY 8, 2008
RE: PAYCHECKS AS OF JANUARY 8, 2008
CHANGE OF BANK CHECKS ARE DRAWN ON
11. STABILIZATION REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT AND FOUR LETTERS
FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS
12. LAKE MISHNOCK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FY JUNE 30, 2008 AND 2007
13. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE ON ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
POSITION

IV. ABATEMENT, ADDITIONS & REBATES

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR – JANUARY 6, 2009

December

ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
<u>Real Estate Abatements 2008-2009</u>			
10-0067-30	Johnson, Theodore H	\$969.37	Appeal Approved
13-0097-40	Marshall, Deborah Jean	\$3,779.31	Appeal Approved
<u>Real Estate Additions 2008-2009</u>			
10-0067-30	Johnson, Theodore H	\$871.20	Appeal Approved
13-0097-40	Marshall, Deborah Jean	\$3,368.25	Appeal Approved

CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

1. DECEMBER, 2008

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR REVERSAL OF ZONE CHANGE FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY JEANNETTE LEPRE, PLAT 1 LOT 13, 49 DIVISION ST. AND THOMAS LEPRE, PLAT 1 LOT 15, 53 DIVISION ST.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RENEWAL PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE – DAVID MASON

Butler moved to grant the renewal of a Private Detective License for David Mason. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

RENEWAL CAMPGROUND LICENSES

OAK EMBERS

STEPPING STONE

Butler moved to grant the renewal of the Campground License for Oak Embers Campground with required shutdown period. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Butler moved to grant the renewal of the Campground License for Stepping Stone Campground with required shutdown period. Stewart seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

RENEWAL JUNKYARD LICENSE

LILLIAN CARPENTER

Butler moved to grant the renewal of the Junkyard License of Lillian Carpenter. Tourgee seconded. It was noted that the license was not transferable.

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

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY PROBATE JUDGE

Tourgee moved to appoint Joseph Scott as Deputy Probate Judge. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

The following Correspondence Items that were removed from the Consent Agenda were considered.

6. RONALD ROUNDS – EWG-TV
DECEMBER 10, 2008
RE: BROADCAST OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was noted that the local cable company would not be broadcasting the council meetings.

13. REPORT FROM CHIEF OF POLICE ON ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER POSITION

A report was received from Chief of Police Ronald Lepre regarding the Animal Control Officer position.

Chief Lepre commented on the report. He noted the schedule was worked out to allow both Officers, Michelle Johnson and Wendy Tavares, to work the same number of hours.

The following questioned and commented on the Council's action regarding this matter:

Michael Grafe 382 Weaver Hill Road
Sandy Andrews 324 Henry Brown Road
James Bell, 144 Sharpe Street
Tammy Andrade, Robin Hollow Road
Mark Ellis
Joni Waltonen, 610 Weaver Hill Road

Tourgee moved to direct the Town Solicitor and Town Administrator to review the personnel policy regarding full-time benefits for part-time employees and whether the part-time hours should be raised from 21 hours. Butler seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Tourgee moved to accept the report of the Chief of Police. Butler seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Butler moved to continue the hearing on the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding residential compounds until March 11, 2009. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

2nd READING – AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 65 – ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL POLICY

Town Administrator Breene reported that there was some uncertainty due to proposed changes to the pension plan. A meeting was to be held with the employees.

Tourgee moved to table this matter. Butler seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

PROPERTY VALUE INCREASE VS. 3050 TAX LEVY CAP

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

Butler moved to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Waltonen – aye, Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Janet E. Olsson, CMC
Town Clerk