

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2009**

A special meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on August 5, 2009. Present were Robert Butler, Mark Tourgee, Thaylen Waltonen, Susan Woloohojian and Kelly Stewart. Also present was Town Administrator Kevin Breene. Butler called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Present from the Board of Engineers were Chief of Police Ronald Lepre, Chief of West Greenwich No. 1 Wayne Andrews, Chief of Lake Mishnock Claude Tyler, III, Chief of West Greenwich Rescue Co. David Andrews, and member Thomas Rowan.

Woloohojian moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

**JOINT MEETING WITH FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS
DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE OF THE FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS & THE
COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE TOWN RESIDENTS WHILE
SUPPORTING THE FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEER'S AUTHORITY
REGARDING THE FIRE AND RESCUE COMPANIES**

Discussion was held with the Fire Board of Engineers regarding duplicate coverage and other issues.

Waltonen moved to rescind the following letter dated June 10, 2009:
Tourgee seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

June 10, 2009

To: Fire/Rescue Board of Engineers
From: West Greenwich Town Council
Re: Duplicate Coverage

Dear Chiefs:

It has come to the attention of the Town Council that duplicate coverage is being provided by West Greenwich Rescue 2 and Engine 21 during the day on calls being handled by Lake Mishnock Rescue.

The Council voted at the May meeting at the request of Lake Mishnock Fire Co. to recommend to the Fire Board of Engineers that the West Greenwich Fire and Rescue no longer respond to the Mishnock Area with Rescue 2 unless mutual aid is requested by Mishnock.

Butler noted that the State of Rhode Island had a report indicating the number of volunteer and paid fire personnel, which indicated there were more volunteers.

Butler noted an email he had received from Chief Parkinson

Tourgee moved to request the Board of Engineers investigate the possibility of appointing a part-time central chief. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Waltonen moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Butler – aye, Tourgee – aye, Waltonen – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Stewart – aye.

Janet E. Olsson, CMC
Town Clerk