

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2011**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on February 9, 2011. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, Paul Kaltschnee and Robert Smith. Also present was Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo. Tourgee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

**JOSEPH AMARAL, JR.
JAMES WHALEN
DAVID RICCITELLI**

A moment of silence was held in memory of Joseph Amaral, Jr. who passed away on January 23, 2011 at the age of 55.

A moment of silence was held in memory of James Whalen who passed away on January 25, 2011 at the age of 81.

A moment of silence was held in memory of David A. Riccitelli, who passed away on January 27, 2011 at the age of 62. He was a former Fire Chief of Lake Mishnock Vol. Fire Company.

Kaltschnee moved to set a page aside in the minute book for each of them. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tourgee noted that David Andrews was retiring from the Board of Engineers, noting that he was Captain of Rescue 2 and that rescue was merging with West Greenwich #1. He thanked David Andrews for his many years of service.

Tourgee noted that the town's bond rating had been upgraded from A+ to AA-. Smith suggested that perhaps a better rate could be obtained for the bond.

Tourgee noted that business that obtained a Business License from the Town was promoted on the Town's website.

Tourgee noted that a nature walk was being held on February 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tillinghast Pond Management Area.

Tourgee noted that registration information for various sports were on the Town's website.

CONSENT AGENDA

Woloohojian moved to approve the consent agenda items that were removed for further consideration on January 13, 2011. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith – abstain.

Andrews moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence items 1 – 9 & 11 removed for further consideration. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee – aye, Smith – aye.

I. MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 2011

II. REPORTS

1. TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS – JANUARY, 2011
2. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY, 2011
3. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY, 2011
4. BUILDING INSPECTORS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY, 2011
5. POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY, 2011
6. TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY, 2011

III. CORRESPONDENCE

1. BROWN UNIVERSITY
JANUARY 11, 2011
RE: NOTICE OF RECIPIENTS OF JUDGE ELMER J. RATHBUN
SCHOLARSHIP
2. PATRICIA COMERY
JANUARY 18, 2011
RE: LETTER REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WENDY TAVARES
3. RHODE ISLAND LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL
JANUARY 21, 2011
RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH – POLICE
DISPATCHERS AND THE RHODE ISLAND LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL
ON BEHALF OF LOCAL UNION 1322
EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT
4. MARY HUBBARD
JANUARY 21, 2011
RE: KUDOS TO HIGHWAY DEPT.
5. RHODE ISLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS
JANUARY 10, 2011
RE: REQUEST TO BARGAIN WITH WEST GREENWICH FIRE AND RESCUE
ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL
NO. 4771, AFL-CIO
CONTRACT DATED: JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2012
6. RI STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
COPY OF LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE LISA P. TOMASSO
JANUARY 26, 2011
RE: TRAFFIC LIGHT AT RT. 3 AND MISHNOCK ROAD
LEFT TURN LANE AND/OR REDUCE SPEED LIMIT
TO GO BEFORE TRAFFIC COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 9, 2011
7. CHIEF RONALD LEPRE
FEBRUARY 3, 2011
RE: NEW HIRE DENNIS L. TROMBLEY
8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN BREENE
FEBRUARY 3, 2011
RE: TOWN PHONE SERVICE

9. HOPE-VALLEY WYOMING FIRE DISTRICT
JANUARY 24, 2011
RE: REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS /WMD WORKSHOP
MARCH 14, 2011
10. CONSERVATION COMMISSION - MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2011 MEETING
11. MICHAEL A. URSILLO, TOWN SOLICITOR
JANUARY 25, 2011
RE: SUPERIOR COURT DECISION REGARDING "EXECUTIVE SESSIONS"
UNDER
THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR – FEBRUARY 4, 2011

<u>January</u>			
ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
<u>Abatements 2010-2011</u>			
02-0213-88	BONNEAU EDWARD R	\$261.62	removed a vehicle
04-0088-49	DESNOYERS ROSEMARIE A	\$303.82	added a vehicle from Warwick
07-0165-69	GUERTIN EARL E JR	\$642.94	price adjustment
11-0023-35	KELLY SCOTT C	\$197.92	added vets exemption
12-0271-24	LONERGAN STEVEN	\$1,411.12	bank repo'd
16-0070-61	PASTORE LOUIS F & DIANE L	\$6,469.35	reduced bldg. value
<u>Additions 2010-2011</u>			
02-0213-88	BONNEAU EDWARD R	\$218.92	removed a vehicle
04-0088-49	DESNOYERS ROSEMARIE A	\$507.64	added a vehicle from Warwick
07-0165-69	GUERTIN EARL E JR	\$859.69	price adjustment
11-0023-35	KELLY SCOTT C	\$165.40	added vets exemption
16-0070-61	PASTORE LOUIS F & DIANE L	\$6,257.40	reduced bldg. value
<u>Refunds 2010-2011</u>			
07-0165-69	GUERTIN EARL E JR	\$53.25	adjusted value
16-0070-61	PASTORE LOUIS F & DIANE L	\$211.95	reduced bldg value

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

1. JANUARY, 2011

NEW BUSINESS

PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE - MICHAEL L. NOEL

Mr. Michael Noel was present.

Andrews moved to grant a Private Detective License to Michael L. Noel. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

DR. HARVEY WAXMAN - R.I.G.H.T. PLAN

Dr. Harvey Waxman made a presentation regarding R.I.G.H.T. Plan , which is an alternative way of assessing property taxes.

Woloohojian moved to refer the matter to the Town Solicitor for further review. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee – aye, Smith – aye.

LISA CIPOLLA - RI HOPE

Lisa Cipolla, and Jason of RI HOPE (Helping Other People in Emergencies) addressed the Council regarding a program created to provide assistance to those Rhode Island residents impacted by the floods in the spring of 2010. She noted that the Kent Center offers post flood support and that there was tax relief forms for storm related repairs. She also noted the Hardest Hit fund. Literature was provided on the services available.

APPROVAL OF 1 YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION IBPO LOCAL 517 (TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION)

It was noted that this matter would be voted on after Executive Session.

FISCAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE TOWN - COUNCIL PRESIDENT TOURGEE

Tourgee remarked on the state of the economy. He noted the effect of the recent bad winter on the Highway Dept. budget. He noted injuries on the Police Dept. causing overtime to be used. He noted that the Council was having a joint meeting with school committee and the Exeter Town Council tomorrow evening concerning the budget.

Public Works Director Claude Wright commented on the state of the Highway Equipment.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND FINANCIAL REVIEW BOARD

Town Administrator Breene commented on the re-establishment of the Economic Development Board to work to attract businesses to the Town.

Joni Waltonen questioned the overtime of the police.

Notice of these boards was to be posted on the Town's website.

ROAD CONDITIONS OF ROUTE 102 AND ROUTE 165

Tourgee noted the deplorable conditions of both Route 102 and Route 165.

Town Administrator Breene noted the repaving plans for 102 and now that Iway in Providence was completed, the focus was now going to the smaller projects.

Kaltschnee moved to send a letter to DOT and the Town's Senator and Representatives regarding the roads. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

The following items removed from the consent agenda were considered:

1. BROWN UNIVERSITY
JANUARY 11, 2011
RE: NOTICE OF RECIPIENTS OF JUDGE ELMER J. RATHBUN
SCHOLARSHIP

Smith noted that since 1997 only 4 students from West Greenwich had benefited from this scholarship and that the word needed to get out through the school of its availability. First consideration was given to West Greenwich students.

2. PATRICIA COMERY
JANUARY 18, 2011
RE: LETTER REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WENDY TAVARES

Kaltschnee noted a letter from Patricia Comery noting the helpfulness of Animal Control Officer Wendy Tavares with a feral cat problem.

3. RHODE ISLAND LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Notice to town to negotiate contract.

4. MARY HUBBARD
JANUARY 21, 2011
RE: KUDOS TO HIGHWAY DEPT.

Tourgee noted a letter from Mary Hubbard offering Kudos to Highway Dept. for snow removal efforts.

5. RHODE ISLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS
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Tourgee noted this letter from the RI State Traffic Commission.

Thaylen Waltonen commented on past efforts to have a traffic study.

Chief Lepre noted the problems in the area, which included 2 fatalities.

7. CHIEF RONALD LEPRE
FEBRUARY 3, 2011
RE: NEW HIRE DENNIS L. TROMBLEY

It was noted that Dennis L. Trombley was going from part-time to full-time employment due to illness of another dispatcher.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN BREENE
FEBRUARY 3, 2011
RE: TOWN PHONE SERVICE

Tourgee noted a change in the Town's phone service provided that would save the Town money.

9. HOPE-VALLEY WYOMING FIRE DISTRICT
JANUARY 24, 2011
RE: REGIONAL HAZARDOUS MATERIALS / WMD WORKSHOP
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Town Administrator Breene noted the fire departments were aware of this workshop.

11. MICHAEL A. URSILLO, TOWN SOLICITOR
JANUARY 25, 2011
RE: SUPERIOR COURT DECISION REGARDING "EXECUTIVE SESSIONS"
UNDER
THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo noted that items regarding litigation in Executive Session needed to be further defined on the agenda.

Smith moved to approve the items removed from the Consent Agenda. Andrews seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee – aye, Smith – aye.

PUBLIC FORUM

Joni Waltonen questioned if an employee was to be discussed in Executive Session, was it required that they be notified. Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo advised that they were.

Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo advised that he would not be present at the March 9, 2011 meeting.

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

Andrews recused himself from Executive Session.

Woloohojian moved to go into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. for Collective Bargaining pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, a, 1 & 2. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Kaltschnee - aye.

Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 9:20 p.m. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Kaltschnee - aye.

Woloohojian moved to approve the 1 year contract Extension with IBPO Local 517 as presented. Smith seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

Andrews moved to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Woloohojian seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye.

Janet E. Olsson, CMC
Town Clerk