

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2011**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on July 13, 2011. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, Paul Kaltschnee and Robert Smith. Also present were Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo.

A. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tourgee made the following announcements.

Summer Library Events: All start at 6:30 in the new community center

Thursday, July 21st – A magician

Tuesday, July 26th – Native American program

Thursday, August 11th – A story teller

EWG Tennis Camp - Two sessions July 25 - 29 and August 1 - 5. Cost is \$110.
Check town's website for flyer

Tourgee announced the retirement of Chief of Police Ronald Lepre.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Town Council and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Council so requests, in which event the item will be removed from Consent Agenda consideration and considered in sequential order. The List of Consent Agenda Items is appended below.

Andrews moved to accept the Consent Agenda as amended with Reports 2 Planning Dept. and Correspondence 9 removed for further consideration. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee – aye, Smith – aye.

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2011
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – JUNE 8, 2011 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS (THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.)

1. TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS – JUNE, 2011
3. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE, 2011
4. HIGHWAY DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE, 2011
5. BUILDING OFFICIAL 'S REPORT – JUNE 30, 2011

III. CORRESPONDENCE (THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE IS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.)

1. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2011 MEETING
2. STATE OF RHODE ISLAND DEPT. OF REVENUE JUNE 7, 2011 RE: APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE CHANGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012
3. LAND TRUST – MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2011 MEETING
4. LAND TRUST – MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2011 MEETING
5. KRISTY HORAN UNIVERSITY OF RI 4-H PROGRAM RE: THANK YOU FOR 4-H POULTRY TESTING AT HIGHWAY GARAGE
6. COPY OF LETTER FROM TOWN SOLICITOR MICHAEL A. URSILLO TO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR KEVIN A. BREENE JUNE 28, 2011 RE: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF LAURIE ALBRO

7. COPY OF LETTER FROM TOWN SOLICITOR MICHAEL A. URSILLO TO STACEY MORRIS, ESQ., SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JUNE 30, 2011 RE: RESPONSE OF THE TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH TO OPEN MEETINGS ACT COMPLAINT FILED BY JONI WALTONEN REGARDING MAY 25, 2011 MEETING
8. COPY OF LETTER FROM TOWN SOLICITOR MICHAEL A. URSILLO TO STACEY MORRIS, ESQ., SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JUNE 30, 2011 RE: ADOPTION OF WRITTEN PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SPECIFIC UNCOLLECTABLES AND VOTE REGARDING SAME – JUNE 30, 2011

June			
ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
<u>Abatements 2010-2011</u>			
10-0105-20	Jordan, Troy R	\$331.96	Adjusted Days
<u>Additions 2010-2011</u>			
10-0105-20	Jordan, Troy R	\$284.62	Adjusted days
<u>Addition Previous Year</u>			
08-0143-80	Hellman, Kenneth (1998)	\$26.50	Removed from Uncollectable list per owners request
08-0143-80	Hellman, Kenneth (1999)	\$31.19	Removed from Uncollectable list per owners request
08-0143-80	Hellman, Kenneth (2000)	\$13.31	Removed from Uncollectable list per owners request

V. ITEMS FROM JANUARY 13, 2011 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

II. REPORTS (THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.)

1. TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS – DECEMBER, 2010
2. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER, 2010
3. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER, 2010
4. BUILDING INSPECTORS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER, 2010
5. POLICE DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – DECEMBER, 2010
6. HIGHWAY DEPT. REPORT - DECEMBER, 2010
7. TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER, 2010

III. CORRESPONDENCE (THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE IS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.)

1. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2010 MEETING
2. COPY OF LETTER TO GOVERNOR ELECT LINCOLN CHAFEE
DECEMBER 13, 2010
RE: BIG RIVER RESERVOIR
3. COPY OF LETTER TO GOVERNOR DONALD CARCIERI
DECEMBER 13, 2010
RE: BIG RIVER RESERVOIR
4. GOVERNOR ELECT LINCOLN D. CHAFEE
DECEMBER 16, 2010
RE: BIG RIVER RESERVOIR
5. COPY OF LETTER FROM SENATOR FRANCIS T. MAHER, JR.
TO WILL KINSELLA, SR. POLICY ASSOCIATE
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR-ELECT CHAFEE
DECEMBER 21, 2010
RE: BIG RIVER RESERVOIR
6. GARY MALIKOWSKI
DECEMBER 16, 2010
RE: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF ROBERT ANDREWS
7. EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2011-2012 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE
8. IBPO LOCAL 517
DECEMBER 20, 2010
RE: NOTICE TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT
9. PIETRO PETRARCA
DECEMBER 30, 2010
RE: WEBSITE AND FORWARDING OF EMAILS

10. SCOTT MCCAIN
DECEMBER 28, 2010
RE: COMMENT ON EXCELLENT JOB OF SNOW REMOVAL DURING RECENT STORM
11. CHARLENE RANDALL, TAX ASSESSOR
DECEMBER 29, 2010
RE: KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY – PILOT
12. RHODE ISLAND STATE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS
RE: NEGOTIATING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH WEST GREENWICH FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL NO. 4771

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SPECIFIC ABATEMENTS AND ADDITIONS AND VOTE REGARDING SAME – JANUARY 7, 2010

<u>December</u>			
ACCT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
<u>Abatements 2010-2011</u>			
10-0014-55	Jacobson, Rachel B & Ian M	\$7,902.45	Appeal Approved
13-0062-02	Mahon, Sharon C & Jeffrey	\$1,106.48	Appeal Approved
13-0283-70	Mederios, John & Jeanne	\$7,137.80	Appeal Approved
18-0217-05	Rider, Frank S	\$466.27	Sold MV
<u>Additions 2010-2011</u>			
10-0014-55	Jacobson, Rachel B & Ian M	\$7,320.41	Appeal Approved
13-0062-02	Mahon, Sharon C & Jeffrey	\$884.75	Appeal Approved
13-0283-70	Mederios, John & Jeanne	\$6,384.56	Appeal Approved
18-0217-05	Rider, Frank S	\$453.55	Sold MV

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

1. RECEIPT OF CHECK SUMMARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER 2010 FROM TOWN TREASURER

VI. BILLS

1. Bill received from ROBERTA GOLICK in the amount of \$840.00.

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

2. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE, 2011

Woloohojian recused herself from the Council for this item.

Kaltschnee moved to approve the Planning Dept. Monthly Report for June, 2011. Smith seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee – aye, Smith – aye.

9. INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICER LOCAL 517
JUNE 25, 2011
RE: GRIEVANCE FILED BY SGT. RICHARD N. BROWN

Kaltschnee moved address this grievance at the August 10, 2011 meeting and to notify the Chief of Police so grievant could be present. Smith seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee – aye, Smith – aye.

E. OLD BUSINESS

**1. REPORT BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION ON THE PROJECT
" CITIZENS' CONVERSATIONS OF THE FUTURE OF WEST GREENWICH"**

Dan Novak, Chair of the West Greenwich Conservation Commission reported on the citizen brainstorming over three gatherings over the winter and noted that perhaps there was still a need for a more leisurely and reflective meeting in the fall.

He congratulated the Town Council on creating an Economic Development Commission. He noted that he had suggestions for that board which included inviting big business into town; long range portfolio of investments and green businesses.

Tourgee noted his efforts on attracting businesses to town. He noted the lack of services and the abundance of exits on Route 95.

F. NEW BUSINESS

**1. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON AWARDING BIDS FOR
BITUMINOUS CONCRETE/ASPHALT PAVING**

Public Works Director Claude Wright reported that there were 4 bids were received as follows.

T. Miozzi, Inc.
75 Airport Road
Coventry, RI 02816

All States Asphalt, Inc.
P. O. Box 91
Sunderland, MA 01375

D'AMBRA Construction Co., Inc.
800 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02887

Narragansett Improvement Company
223 Allens Avenue
Providence, RI 02903

Tourgee questioned the availability of the scraped up materials for the soccer field.

Public Works Director Wright recommended T. Miozzi, Inc. who was the low bidder.

Andrews moved to award bid to T. Miozzi, Inc. Kaltschnee seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

2. DISCUSSION AND APPOINTMENT OF LAND TRUST TRUSTEES

Kaltschnee moved to appoint Robert Maguire as an Alternate Trustee of the Land Trust. Andrews seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RENEWAL OF MOBILE HOME PARK LICENSES

GREENWICH WEST and BLUEBERRY HEIGHTS HOUSING COOPERATIVE CORP.

Kaltschnee moved to approve the renewal Mobile Home Park Licenses of Greenwich West and Blueberry Heights Housing Cooperative Corp. Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

Smith moved to add to the agenda funds for youth sports leagues for FY 2010-2011 that have not been requested for payment. Andrews seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

It was noted that various youth sports leagues had not requested their appropriations for FY 2010-2011. Town Administrator Breene would handle the matter.

G. PUBLIC FORUM

Pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-6(b), public comment regarding subject matter not on the agenda but received during the public participation portion of a meeting shall be for information purposes only and may not be voted on except where necessary to address an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action to protect the public or to refer the matter to an appropriate committee or to another body or official.

Sandra Bockes - reported on tiger mosquitoes which were more likely to carry EEE and West Nile Virus.

She questioned the Conservation Commission being allowed to be on Facebook. She noted concerns due to the open meeting laws. Solicitor Ursillo noted he had been talking to the Attorney General's office concerning this matter and cautioned against it due to the interaction of it.

Lori Walker -Pop Warner football - Advised to submit payment.

Adrian Knott, 61 Brown's Corner Road. -Commented on bank robbery and congratulated Police Dept.

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION
PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5,(A),1
JOB PERFORMANCE – CHIEF OF POLICE
PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A),2
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RELATIVE TO:
WEST GREENWICH FIRE & RESCUE ASSOC. LOCAL 4771
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE
OFFICERS LOCAL 517**

Andrews moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (a), 1 for job performance of Chief of Police and pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (a), 2 for Collective Bargaining relative to West Greenwich Fire & Rescue Assoc. Local 4771 and International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 517 at 7:40 p.m.. Smith seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Kaltschnee - aye, Smith - aye.

Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 9:28 p.m. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Kaltschnee – aye, Smith – aye. (Andrews was not present for this vote.)

Smith moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Kaltschnee seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Kaltschnee – aye, Smith – aye. (Andrews was not present for this vote.)

Janet E. Olsson, CMC
Town Clerk