

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 11, 2014**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on June 11, 2014. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, Gregory Coutcher and Thomas Mulcahey. Also present were Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo.

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

Council President Tourgee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Tourgee made the following announcements: Louttit Library is hosting the following events: Resume Workshop on Saturday, June 14th from 10 to 12; Family Game Night will be held on Wednesday, June 25th from 2 P.M. until 7 P.M. Pizza and Ice Cream will be served at 5:30 P.M. The first of our Summer Concert Series was held last week and there were 75-100 people in attendance. Atwater Donnelly played and stated the Pavilion had great acoustics. Next Wednesday June 18th, Big River Stomp will perform; June 25th, Lola & the Pallbearers will perform and July 16th, Zink Alloy will perform. Concerts are free and start at 6 P.M. Bring your lawn chairs and you can purchase food and support EWG Sports Boosters. Council President Tourgee also welcomed Josh Laperch the new videographer.

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.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilman Andrews seconded.
VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 14, 2014
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- MAY 14, 2014 (SEALED)

II. REPORTS

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

1. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT – MAY, 2014
2. POLICE DEPT. REPORT – MAY, 2014

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3. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – MAY, 2014
4. TOWN CLERK REPORT – MAY, 2014
5. TREASURER’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – MAY, 2014

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. LAND TRUST - MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2014
2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 8, 2014
3. COPY OF LETTER TO: DANIELLE ANDREWS, TOWN TREASURER
FROM: TIMOTHY E. MCARDLE, EWG SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR
MAY 6, 2014
RE: 2014 HENRY B. WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ELIZABETH SALISBURY
4. COPY OF LETTER TO: HONORABLE MAYOR CHARLES A. LOMBARDI
FROM: RANDY R. ROSSI, MBA, CGFM, RIMPAA PRESIDENT
MAY 16, 2014
RE: MINIMUM CONTRACT AMOUNT
5. COPY OF LETTER TO: CITY AND TOWN CLERKS AND TREE WARDENS
FROM: TEE JAY BOURDREAU, COORDINATOR, RI DEM URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY
MAY 20, 2014
RE: REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING NOTICE OF PUBLIC TREE REMOVAL
6. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: JAMES S. SAVAGE, SUPERVISOR RI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
MAY 21, 2014
RE: NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE CHANGE FY 2014-2015
7. COPY OF LETTER TO: ELIZABETH L. JARVIS
FROM: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
MAY 21, 2014
RE: TAX COLLECTOR/ TAX ASSESSOR CLERK’S POSITION
8. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS, TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
MAY 21, 2014
RE: EMERGENCY REPAIR EXPENDITURE

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9. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: FREDERICK J. PRESLEY, WEST WARWICK TOWN MANAGER
JUNE 4, 2014
RE: UPGRADE IN WASTEWATER TREATMENT

10. COPY OF LETTER TO: BARBARA SWEET
FROM: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
MAY 27, 2014
RE: FLOATING CLERK POSITION

IV. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

1. RECEIPT OF CHECK SUMMARY REPORT FOR
MONTH OF MAY, 2014
FROM TOWN TREASURER

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

**1. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REAPPOINTMENT OF TOWN TREASURER-
DANIELLE ANDREWS**

Town Treasurer Andrews was present.

Council President Tourgee spoke on Danielle Andrew's performance as Town Treasurer.

Town Administrator Breene commended Danielle on her service to the Town and recommended her reappointment.

Councilman Andrews recused.

Town Administrator Breene clarified appointment terms.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to reappoint Danielle Andrews as Treasurer for a five year term. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON HEALTH INSURANCE ALTERNATIVES AND COST

Joseph Cardello from Cornerstone Health Services explained coverage and the Town's options for health insurance and also discussed effects of Obama Care.

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Town Administrator Breene commented on the additional ACI tax increase and burden to employees and employers who currently have health insurance.

Cardello commented on the state exchange and additional potential cost.

Cardello reviewed the current plan offered to municipal employees.

Town Administrator Breene explained the deductible and requested Cardello give a recommendation on plan.

Cardello recommended increasing the deductible. He also reviewed the wellness and smoking sensation program.

Councilman Coutcher questioned employee payout history cost to the Town regarding deductibles. Cardello explained the most was about \$20,000.00.

Cardello reviewed the health assessment and smoking policy that should be implemented.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to continue this matter to the July meeting. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON PROPOSED LAND SWAP FOR BREAKHEART HILL ROAD RELOCATION WITH TA OPERATING LLC

Council President Tourgee commented on the work and discussions in place to rectify the traffic situation at the Truck Stop.

Town Administrator Breene discussed the status of TA and Master Plan is under review and the procedure for road abandonment.

Attorney John Paglarini was present for TA Operating LLC and reviewed the status and Resolution for the proposed Land Swap for the realignment of Breakheart Hill Road at the cost of TA Operating LLC.

Discussion ensued on proposed traffic pattern.

Council President Tourgee discussed the history and diligence done to rectify the safety of this area.

Council Vice President Woloohojian questioned retraining the truck traffic. Attorney Paglarini advised this matter was discussed at the TRC.

Council President Tourgee advised the truck drivers leave the trucks idling and the situation needs to be monitored.

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Discussion ensued on truck traffic.

Mike Madden, 354 Breakheart Hill Road requested the Town Council to address the diesel idling law. Chief Ramsay discussed the State Law to address the situation and explained they can keep the truck idling to keep drivers warm; however they cannot to keep cool. He also explained he has been working with the Town Planner to address this with TA Operating.

Discussion ensued on idling of trucks.

A resident in the audience clarified idling enforcement.

Council President Tourgee stated the Council will be enforcing for the best interest of the Town and residents and any issues, residents can call him directly.

Attorney Paglarini advised TA Operating is a good commercial citizen and reputation is important and he discussed the history of expansion.

Discussion ensued on timeline of turning lane and process with the Planning Board.

Discussion ensued on jersey barriers on Breakheart Hill Road.

Council President Tourgee and Town Administrator Breene discussed the history of this project.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the concept of the land swap for Breakheart Hill Road relocation with TA Operating LLC and authorize the Town Solicitor to begin the abandonment process and enter into an agreement with TA Operating LLC. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

4. PUBLIC HEARING

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS 2014

Town Planner Jennifer Paquet explained the Community Development Block Grant and that a resolution would need to be passed on the order of preference and requirement for the Public to sign in. She also explained a scribe error that the Education Exchange requested \$1,960.00 not \$1,500.00. The following memo was explained: At their regular meeting on May 19, 2014, the Planning Board voted unanimously (5-0) on the following motion: Motion to make a finding that the following proposed projects in the 2014 CDBG request are not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Community Plan and that the Planning Board recommends to the Town Council the following priority order:

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| 1. | Cornerstone Adult Services | \$10,000 |
| 2. | Washington County CDC | \$10,000 |
| 3. | Community Housing Land Trust | \$ 3,000 |
| 4. | WARM Job Readiness | \$ 9,000 |

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5.	WARM Shelter Support	\$ 1,000
6.	Welcome House	\$ 7,000
7.	South County Comm. Action	\$ 10,000
8.	Education Exchange	\$ 1,960
9.	Housing Rehabilitation	(no funds requested)

Councilman Andrews questioned total funds available. Town Planner explained the funding available and requested applications totaled \$59,754.

Discussion ensued on availability of funds to residents.

Geoff Marchant explained grant funds for housing rehabilitation.

No public comments were made.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to authorize the CDBG resolution as presented and to approve the ranking order. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

5. PUBLIC HEARING

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 48 REGARDING REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS

Council President Tourgee discussed the lengthy review of amendments to Ordinance No. 48.

Council Vice President Woloohojian clarified the effects with regard to fowl.

Discussion ensued on fowl.

Linda Sherman questioned what amendments will be made regarding dogs. Chief Ramsay explained proposed amendments: Dog doors, nuisance fines and fees.

Town Solicitor Ursillo also discussed the proposed changes.

Discussion ensued on dog doors.

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve the amendments to Ordinance No. 48 Regarding Regulating the Keeping of Dogs. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

6. PUBLIC HEARING

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 30A REGARDING VEHICLE PARKING

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Chief Ramsay advised on the proposed change to Ordinance No.30A Vehicle Parking.

No public comments were made.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the amendments to Ordinance No. 30A Regarding Vehicle Parking. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

7. PUBLIC HEARING

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 96 REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL

Council President Tourgee discussed implementation of ordinance for safety reasons.

Town Solicitor Ursillo advised on the proposed change to Ordinance No. 96 regarding snow removal.

Discussion ensued on state law regarding snow removal.

Sandra Bockes questioned if notice would be given to residents. Charlene Randall explained a notice has been placed on the website for the last two years.

Chief Ramsay clarified enforcement on this issue and homeowner will be fined not the plow vendor.

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Discussion ensued on notification.

Councilman Andrews moved to approve the amendments to Ordinance No. 96 Regarding Snow Removal. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey – aye

**8. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON STEPPING STONE RANCH EVENT REQUESTS-
REGGAE FESTIVALS – JULY 25TH AND AUGUST 31ST**

Heidi Waldron present from Stepping Stone Ranch explained her event request to hold a one day reggae festival on July 25th and August 31st.

Councilman Andrews questioned if alcoholic beverages will be served. Waldron advised they would serve alcohol.

Councilman Andrews questioned police detail. Chief Ramsay advised two officers will be required for detail. Waldron also explained the band will provide security.

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Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve the Stepping Stone Ranch Event requests to hold Reggae Festivals on July 25th and August 31st subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances, statues relative, insurance requirements and conditions met by the Chief Police and Fire Marshal. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey –aye

Town Administrator Breene congratulated Darrell Waldron on his promotion. Mr. Waldron explained his promotion and thanked the Town for the recognition.

**9. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON HAWKERS LICENSE- RI FIREWORKS-
751 CENTRE OF NEW ENGLAND BLVD**

Kenneth Kearney from RI Fireworks was present and explained his request to sell fireworks at 751 Centre of New England Blvd.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the Hawkers License for RI Fireworks located at 751 Centre of New England Blvd. subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to Hawkers License and payment of taxes. Council Vice President Woloohojian seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey –aye

**10. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE – RI FIREWORKS-
751 CENTRE OF NEW ENGLAND BLVD**

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the Holiday License for RI Fireworks located at 751 Centre of New England Blvd. subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to Holiday License and payment of taxes. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey –aye

11. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON APPOINTMENT TO LAND TRUST- ROBERT VERRIER

Town Administrator Breene explained the vacant position on the Land Trust.

Councilman Andrews moved to appoint Robert Verrier to the Land Trust as alternate member.

Councilman Coutcher seconded. VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey –aye

**14. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON DCH1 INC. DAN’S PLACE EVENT REQUESTS- OUTDOOR MUSIC ON
SUNDAY AFTERNOONS (This item was taken out of order).**

Dan Hebert from DCH1 Inc, Dan’s Place explained his request to have outdoor music on Sundays.

Discussion ensued on the history of events at Dan’s Place.

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Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to approve the event request of Dan's Place for outdoor music on Sundays subject to the Chief of Police approvals and compliance with all local and state ordinances, statues relative and insurance requirements. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey –aye

12. DISCUSSION AND RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL UNION 1322

Chief Ramsay reviewed the contract negotiation and commented on the changes.

Councilman Mulcahey recused

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to ratify the contract with Laborers' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO Local Union 1322. Councilman Coutcher seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye,

13. DISCUSSION AND RESULTS OF WEST GREENWICH FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 9, 2014

Council President Tourgee advised the budget had passed at the Financial Town Meeting on Monday, June 9th.

Charlene Randall, Tax Assessor/Collector advised on the tax rate. The rate will remain the same and 50-60 percent will see a reduction. She also advised the past three years most residents have seen reductions and many have seen very little increase.

Town Administrator Breene commended the employees of the Town.

Council President Tourgee commented on the diligence of Department Heads with regard to the budget.

G. PUBLIC FORUM

Council President Tourgee requested Chief Ramsay explain the dramatic increase in DUI. Chief Ramsay reviewed the reasons for the increase in DUI' s.

Council President Tourgee stated West Greenwich will not tolerate drunk driving. Chief Ramsay reviewed DUI statistics.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2

LITIGATION – SWAP INC. VS. TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH PLANNING BOARD SHAB 2013-01

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Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to close the meeting and to go into Executive Session at 8:54 P.M. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 2LITIGATION – SWAP INC. VS. TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH PLANNING BOARD SHAB 2013-01

Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey –aye

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 9:26 P.M. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Coutcher – aye, Andrews - aye, Mulcahey- aye

Council Vice President Woloohojian moved to adjourn at 9:27 P.M. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee - aye, Woloohojian - aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye, Mulcahey-aye

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC

TOWN CLERK