

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2012**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on February 8, 2012. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, and Paul Kaltschnee. 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 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - HAROLD T. MORTON, SR.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Harold T. Morton, Sr., who passed away on January 12, 2012. Town Administrator Breene commented on his life. He was the husband of former Town Clerk Edna I Morton.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

Councilman Smith was away on business.

The EWG soccer season starts April 7th. On line registration is now open but ends March 9th.

There will be a blood drive at the community center behind Louttit Library on February 21st from 3 to 6 pm.

A \$500 scholarship from Louttit Library will be awarded to a WG senior attending any RI high school. Applications are available at the Library and the deadline to apply is April 28th.

Mr. Hamlin's 11th grade English students have completed their oral history project. Each interview was conducted by students with elder residents from Exeter and West Greenwich. The link to view these interviews is on the town's homepage.

Registered voters who lack an acceptable current and valid Photo ID can get a free Voter ID card at the town hall on February 29th from 10 to 12.

Recognize State Representative Lisa Tomossa for taking the EWG Girl's Soccer and Volley Ball Teams to the State House to be recognized.

Recognize EWG Girl's Soccer Coach Kevin Fraser for National Coach of the Year.

There will be an Eco Depot here at the town Hall on Saturday April 14, 2012 from 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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Town Planner would like to remind Resident's to recycle and if you need information on recycling please contact the Town Planner.

EMA Director Brooke Lawrence will speak about an upcoming Whooping Cough Vaccination Event.

- C.1** Town Solicitor Ursillo advised the Council to add "Discussion regarding Whooping Cough vaccination" to the Agenda.

Andrews moved to add to the Agenda a Discussion of a Whooping Cough vaccination. Kaltschnee seconded.

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

Brooke Lawrence discussed Whooping Cough and the importance to get vaccinated. A clinic will be held February 27th 4 P.M. to -7 P.M. at Metcalf School. Tourgee questioned the logistics of the clinic. Woloohojian requested that the information about the clinic be added to the town's website.

D. CONSENT AGENDA - All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Town Council and may be acted 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.

Kaltschnee moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Andrews seconded.

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

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2012
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – JANUARY 11, 2012 (SEALED)

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

1. TOWN CLERK RECEIPTS – JANUARY, 2012
2. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY, 2012
3. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY, 2012
4. BUILDING OFFICIAL'S MONTHLY REPORT – JANUARY 31, 2012
5. TREASURER'S REPORT - JANUARY 31, 2012
6. HIGHWAY DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT- JANUARY 31, 2012
7. POLICE DEPT. REPORT – JANUARY 31, 2012

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. CONSERVATION COMMISSION - MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2012 MEETING
2. LAND TRUST- MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2011 MEETING
3. LAND TRUST- MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2011 MEETING
4. SAVE THE DATE- WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SPECIFIC UNCOLLECTABLES AND VOTE REGARDING SAME – JANUARY 30, 2012

ACCT #	JANUARY		AMOUNT	CODE
		NAME		
	<u>Abatements 2011 -2012</u>			
06-0172-25	FREDERICKS JOHN & DONNA		\$6,010.39	24
13-0070-49	MALIKOWSKI DANIELLE		\$293.87	02
23-0186-52	WRIGHT WILLIAM		\$1,596.95	22
	<u>Additions 2011-2012</u>			
06-0172-25	FREDERICKS JOHN & DONNA		\$5,759.15	24
13-0070-49	MALIKOWSKI DANIELLE		\$113.43	02
23-0186-52	WRIGHT WILLIAM		\$424.26	22
	<u>Refund 2011-2012</u>			
23-0186-52	WRIGHT WILLIAM		\$171.15	22
	<u>Back Year Abatements</u>			
04-0052-79	DELMONACO BRIEL 2010		\$88.33	02

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

1. RECEIPT OF CHECK SUMMARY REPORT FOR
MONTH OF JANUARY, 2012
FROM TOWN TREASURER

E. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

F. NEW BUSINESS

**1. PRESENTATION BY MR. TIMOTHY BROWN, GENERAL MANAGER- KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
RE: WELLS IN MISHNOCK SWAMP**

Mr. Timothy Brown discussed well fields located in the Mishnock Swamp and construction of their new treatment facility.

Breene asked if he could explain what the piles of dirt were along RT 3. Mr. Brown explained that they are constructing a settlement lagoon.

Mr. Ken Brown from Lake Mishnock Association asked for clarification on Mishnock River and the supply on the water of the lake. He also stated concern on the size of the Lake and glad to see that there would be no ill effect on the lake and the stability. Mr. Tim Brown responded that Mishnock River flows out of Mishnock Pond.

Andrews questioned the system pressure and why it needed to be expanded and tank added.

Mr. Timothy Brown explained the expansion.

Tourgee questioned if there was a public hearing held. Mr. Timothy Brown explained there were several public hearings held.

Diane Blaquiere from Lake Mishnock Preservation asked if they tested flowage rate from river to lake and what government measures are in place to control drawdown. Mr. Ken Brown explained the testing and measures in place.

Mr. Ken Brown asked about replacement of pipe infrastructure and what plans are available to the public. Mr. Timothy Brown explained the pipes infrastructure and that plans are available on website kentcountywater.org. Mr. Timothy Brown states that this is the best location for this facility and wells.

Tourgee stated concern of the changes to the State's Water Resource Board.

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REAPPOINTMENT OF TREE WARDEN-TOM LEAVITT

Woloohojian moved to Reappoint Tom Leavitt as Tree Warden. Andrews seconded.

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

**3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RENEWAL OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE LICENSE-
MICHAEL L. NOEL**

Chief Barone stated that there are no issues granting the license.

Woloohojian moved to grant Michael L. Noel a Private Detective License. Kaltschnee seconded.

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

**4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RENEWAL OF JUNK YARD LICENSE-
ESTATE OF LILLIAN J. CARPENTER, HAZARD ROAD**

Norman Carpenter, JR, David Carpenter and Shelly Carpenter were present.

Discussion ensues on status of the Estate of Lillian J. Carpenter.

Andrews moved to renew a Junk Yard License for the Estate of Lillian J. Carpenter.

Kaltschnee seconded.

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

**5. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING ON AMENDMENTS TO
ORDINANCE NO. 67 - LAND TRUST**

Mr. Steven Wright Chairman of the Land Trust discusses the history of the board. He made the following suggestions: to change the ordinance so that it reads 7 full time members serving 5 year terms and 2 alternates serving a two year term removing the need for the Chair of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission and changing the Active Farmer position.

Kaltschnee moved to refer this matter to the Solicitor and draft the amendments to Ordinance No. 67- Land Trust for first reading. Andrews seconded.

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

Mr. Steven Wright announced the annual fundraiser for the West Greenwich Land Trust to be held March 24, 2012.

**6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS -
APPLICATION FOR EVENT PERMIT**

Chief Richard Parkinson discusses this request and the need for this application.

Tourgee questioned the amount of notice that would requests would need to be submitted.

Town Solicitor Ursillo suggested they inquire with the Town Clerks Office for the amount of Event Permits issued.

Woloohojian questioned what the fee would be.

Kaltschnee moved to continue this matter until the March meeting. Andrews seconded.

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

7. PRESENTATION BY TOWN PLANNER ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT

Town Planner Jennifer Paquet presented the status of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Breene questioned what funding was still available. Paquet stated there was about \$24,000 left after consultation that would be available to go towards projects.

Tourgee questioned the potential projects. Paquet explained the projected projects.

Andrews questioned the initial amount of the grant.

Tourgee stated the negligence and lack of preventative maintenance to the town buildings.

Report will be given to the Town Council on this proposal.

Andrews questioned the deadline. Paquet stated that the deadline was September.

Mr. Jeff Broadhead from Washington County Regional Planning Council discussed the purpose of this grant and also applauded the Town Planner as being one of the best in the State. He also reminded the Town Council about the invitation to the Congress of Councils 2012 that will be held on February 22, 2012 at 5:30 P.M.

Paquet noted that the school is already so energy efficient they do not need this project.

8. DISCUSSION ON FINANCE BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Tom Mulcahey Chair of the Finance Board discusses the board's membership and the vacancies of the board.

Colleen Derjue Town Treasurer questioned if the members of the board could still attend the Budget Workshops. She was advised they could.

Recommendation was made to post vacancies on the town's website.

9. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON GLOCESTER TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2012-1

Town Solicitor Ursillo discusses the meaning of this resolution. Town Treasurer Colleen Derjue concurs with the solicitor of the meaning of this resolution.

Woloohojian moved to endorse the Resolution by the Town of Gloucester and forward to State Senators and Representatives. Andrews seconded.

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

11. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON DATE FOR TOWN BUDGET HEARING

This item was discussed prior to Agenda item 10.

Andrews moved to set the Town Budget Hearing for April 23, 2012 at 7:00P.M. Kaltschnee seconded.

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

10. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES

Andrews moved to set Budget Workshop for March 27 at 7:00 P.M. Woloohojian seconded.

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

12. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RESCHEDULING MARCH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Andrews moved to reschedule the March Town Council Regular Meeting to Tuesday March 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Woloohojian seconded.

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

13. LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REQUEST OF SOUTH COUNTY ROD & GUN CLUB FOR CLASS F1 ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE- FEBRUARY 26, 2012

Woloohojian moved to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Liquor Licensing Board at 8:46 p.m. Kaltschnee seconded.

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

Chief Barone has no concern with issuing this license.

Andrews moved to grant the requests of South County Rod & Gun Club for a Class F1 One Day Liquor License for February 26, 2012. Woloohojian seconded.

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

Woloohojian moved to adjourn as the Liquor Licensing Board and convene as the Town Council at 8:52 P.M. Kaltschnee seconded.

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

G. PUBLIC FORUM

Sandy Bockes states concern with the Post Office and the delay in her mail. Town Solicitor Ursillo states that it would be effective to have individuals notify the post office with their concerns.

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.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**1. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 1
PERSONNEL - JANET OLSSON**

**2. 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
LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA,
AFL-CIO LOCAL UNION 1322**

Woloohojian moved to go into Executive Session at 8:53 p.m. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 1 for Personnel- Janet Olsson. Town Solicitor Ursillo noted that she had been notified on her right to have this matter in open session and she had indicated that her preference was to have it in closed session and without being present . Also pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, a, 2 for Collective Bargaining relative to West Greenwich Fire & Rescue Assoc. Local 4771, International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 517 and Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO Local Union 1322 Andrews seconded.

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

Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 10:02 P.M. Andrews seconded.

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

Kaltschnee moved to adjourn at 10:03 p.m. Andrews seconded.

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

**ERIN F. LIESE
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**