

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
TOWN COUNCIL**

REGULAR MEETING

October 10, 2012

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on October 10, 2012. Present were Mark Tourgee, Susan Woloohojian, Robert Andrews, and Gregory Coutcher. 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.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tourgee made the following announcements: EWG Hoops registration has begun; the fees are \$60 for one; \$85 for two and \$110 for the family. Please see the town's website for more information. POPS Pie Fund Raiser will be ongoing during the month of October. The 10th Annual Stephen J. Anderson Road Race will be held on October 21st at EWG High School. The EWG Fine Arts Department will hold the EWG Art Show and Chorus Concert on October 26th at the High School. EWG's Partnership with Parent Program & PTA Presents: Social Responsibility and Social Networking will present: A Journey into Internet Safety, Sexting, and Cyber bullying held on October 30th at 6:30 in the High School Auditorium. Deadline to apply for a mail ballot is October 16, 2012. Due to redistricting, check the town's website to find your polling place.

Town Administrator Breene commented on the polling locations.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Andrews requested item No.8 in Correspondence be removed from the Consent Agenda for further consideration.

Tourgee requested Correspondence items 1, 4 & 5 be removed from the Consent Agenda for further consideration.

Woloohojian moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence items 1, 4, 5, and 8 removed for further consideration. Andrews seconded.

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

I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 (SEALED)

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II. REPORTS

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

1. TOWN CLERK REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2012
2. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2012
3. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2012
4. POLICE DEPT. REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2012
5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2012

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

2. LAND TRUST - MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 14, 2012
3. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2012
6. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: DEBRA SILVA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
SEPTEMBER 28, 2012
RE: RAYMOND CAPPELLI
7. COPY OF LETTER TO: MICHAEL URSILLO, ESQ.
FROM: CHARLENE RANDALL, RICA
OCTOBER 1, 2012
RE: BANKRUPTCY – COMMERCE PARK 12, LLC

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLES

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

ACCT #	September		AMOUNT	CODE
	NAME			
	<u>Abatements 2012</u>			
03-0320-00	COPPAGE ROBERT A & CHRISTINA (ESTATE) C/O DAWNE STRICKLAND		\$3,553.68	29
06-0039-26	FIRMIN JEFFREY A & CAROL-ANN		\$6,338.33	24
12-0073-00	LANGLAIS WILLIAM R & DIANE D		\$9,120.92	24
12-0122-18	LECLERQ JENNIFER A & DEHETRE PAUL		\$4,545.19	24
13-0511-30	MURADALI FAZEEL		\$285.32	05
13-0511-30	MURADALI FAZEEL <u>(2011)</u>		\$186.45	06

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15-0047-65	ONDRASEK PETER J & ADELE T	\$5,375.17	24
18-0155-60	REILLY JOHN J & KAREN M	\$5,375.59	24
19-0080-01	SEVIGNY DENISE C	\$129.37	02
19-0148-89	SINISCALCHI KEVIN R	\$92.72	04
20-0000-51	TLC LANDSCAPING & MINI STORAGE	\$6,780.19	14
23-0031-73	WALTONEN THAYDEN B	\$454.22	09
23-0125-01	WILKICKI CHARLES P	\$75.49	09

Additions 2012

03-0320-00	COPPAGE ROBERT A & CHRISTINA (ESTATE) C/O DAWNE STRICKLAND	\$1,040.00	29
06-0039-26	FIRMIN JEFFREY A & CAROL-ANN	\$6,269.29	24
12-0073-00	LANGLAIS WILLIAM R & DIANE D	\$7,975.99	24
12-0122-18	LECLERQ JENNIFER A & DEHETRE PAUL	\$4,117.52	24
13-0511-30	MURADALI FAZEEL (2011)	\$282.09	06
15-0047-65	ONDRASEK PETER J & ADELE T	\$6,123.12	24
18-0155-60	REILLY JOHN J & KAREN M	\$4,777.24	24
19-0148-89	SINISCALCHI KEVIN R	\$33.29	04
20-0000-51	TLC LANDSCAPING & MINI STORAGE	\$6,191.95	14
23-0031-73	WALTONEN THAYDEN B	\$529.71	09

Refunds 2012

14-0020-45	NISSAN INFINITI LT	\$457.10	05
25-0016-00	YOUNG CHRISTOPHER	\$4.48	36

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

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

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REQUEST OF JOAN SANTOS BEAVEN- ADDITIONAL STOP SIGNS
ON MISHNOCK ROAD**

Chief Ramsay commented on the traffic survey that was conducted.

Tourgee questioned the enforcement of a 15 MPH speed limit. Chief Ramsay commented on reasons for use of 15 MPH speed limit signs.

Town Administrator Breene commented on the results of the traffic trailer.

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Woloohojian requested the Chief provide clarification on the use of stop signs. Chief Ramsay stated stop signs are not used to control speed and are designed to stop traffic entering an intersection.

Diane Blaquiere questioned the enforcement of 15 MPH speeds. Town Solicitor stated enforcement is applicable as there is an ordinance in place.

Tourgee commented on the confusion of signs in the Mishnock Area.

Blaquiere questioned enforcement of speeds under 30 MPH. Chief Ramsay advised that the Police will continue to use discretion issuing tickets.

Joan Santos Beavan requested the Chief have a Police Officer present in the area one shift a week. Ramsay stated two officers are on duty at a time and that may not be feasible.

Sandra Bockes advised on the use of pedestrian crossing signs. Chief Ramsay agreed with the use of pedestrian crossing signs.

Mrs. Tourgee discussed walking on side streets.

Chief Ramsay expressed frustration with placement of the trailer. Blaquiere volunteered the use of her driveway for the trailer.

Beavan commented on numbers traveling through.

Town Administrator Breene discussed the history of the Mishnock Area with regards to: plowing, parking bands, trimming of brush, and narrow streets.

Tom Mulchahey suggested following the Chief's recommendation and to report back in two months.

Chief Tyler discussed the parking on Bailey Drive. Chief Ramsay stated he would look into the matter.

Beavan requested to revisit the issue in January. Tourgee agreed to revisit the issue in January.

Discussion ensued on reporting numbers.

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON PROPOSED PAVILION/GAZEBO

Robert Butler commented on the history of the pavilion and reported the committee results. He also explained the survey conducted by Boyer Associates.

Town Administrator Breene advised that Boyer Associates provided the survey at no charge to the Town.

Tourgee recommended the proposed placement of the pavilion. He also commented on open space funds and the use of the structure.

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Town Administrator Breene reviewed the structure type and use of materials.

Town Solicitor questioned cost of the project and advised to: endorse the concept of the pavilion, location, and to solicit bids.

Town Administrator Breene discussed the location of the pavilion.

Andrews disagreed with the use of pine as a material for the structure.

Woloohojian moved to approve the location as proposed and authorized the Highway Dept. to prepare the ground and to solicit bids. Andrews seconded.

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

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING- SECOND READING

ORDINANCE FOR “NO PARKING” AND “TOW A WAY ZONE” SIGNS - DEER RUN DRIVE

Town Administrator Breene discussed reasons for installing “No Parking” and “Tow A Way Zone” signs on Deer Run Drive.

Woloohojian moved to approve Ordinance for “No Parking” and “Tow A Way Zone” signs for Deer Run Drive. Coutcher seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian –aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye

2. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REQUEST TO WAIVE MV TAX PENALTY– ROBERT K. CHIPMAN, JR.

Tourgee read the request from Robert K. Chipman, Jr.

Charlene Randall, Tax Assessor/Collector explained the request.

Discussion ensued on tax penalty.

Andrews moved to deny the request of Robert K. Chipman, Jr. Coutcher seconded.

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

3. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON AWARDING BID FOR WINTER SAND

Claude Wright, Public Works Director discussed bids received for winter sand and recommended Walter E. Reynolds, Inc.

Woloohojian moved to award the bid to Walter E. Reynolds, Inc. Andrews seconded.

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

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Town Administrator Breene questioned vendor availability and authorizing the Public Works Director to received goods from the second bidder. Town Solicitor advised the Public Works Director to purchase sand from a second bidder if availability becomes an issue.

Woloohojian moved to authorize the Public Works Director to purchase from the second bidder if availability of Walter E. Reynolds Inc. is problematic. Andrews seconded.

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

4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON MAILING AN EXPLANATION OF CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Town Administrator Breene discussed the two amendments to the Charter and requested the Town Council provide an explanation to the residents.

Town Solicitor advised that such explanation must remain politically neutral.

Discussion ensued on postcard vs. letter mailing.

Diane Blaquiere recommended placing an ad in the paper.

Tourgee recommended a mailing and advertisement in addition to placing the explanation on the website.

Coutcher recommended the use of the school department’s listserv. Town Administrator Breene advised that the town is unable to use the list serve.

Woloohojian moved to authorize the Town Administrator to draft an explanation to the residents on the Charter Amendments to be mailed and an advertisement placed in the local paper in addition to the town’s website. Andrews seconded.

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

The following items removed from the consent agenda were considered:

1. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, PRESIDENT
FROM: MICHAEL D. RUGGIERI, EWG YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2012
RE: THANK YOU FOR PAVING SOCCER PARKING LOT

Tourgee read the letter from Michael D. Ruggieri and commented on the great job done on the parking lot by the Highway Department.

4. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: HONORABLE LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
RE: RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

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Woloohojian read the letter from Honorable Lincoln D. Chaffee, Governor of Rhode Island and commented on the funds provided.

Town Administrator Breene explained the previous use and history of the Community Development Block Grant.

5. COPY OF LETTER TO: STEVEN HANNA, N.E. WATER CONDITIONING
FROM: MARGE GARTELMAN, HUMAN SERVICES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2012
RE: FOOD DRIVE- THE GATHERING 2012

Tourgee read letter from Marge Gartelman.

8. COPY OF LETTER TO: HONORABLE LISA P. TOMASSO
FROM: STEVEN W. PRISTAWA, STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
AUGUST 31, 2012
RE: TRAFFIC SIGNAL NOOSENECK HILL ROAD AND MISHNOCK ROAD

Andrews commented on the stop light at Nooseneck Hill Road and Mishnock Road and discussed the installation of five lanes on Nooseneck Hill Road.

Tourgee commented on the history of this request.

Discussion ensued on traffic on Nooseneck Hill Road and Mishnock Road.

Woloohojian moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Andrews seconded.

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

G. PUBLIC FORUM

Sandra Bockes commented on the Board of Canvassers availability.

Tourgee commented on redistricting.

Woloohojian questioned the status of Mishnock Road. Town Administrator Breene advised on the construction status.

Town Administrator Breene commented on the stink bug population.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

PERSONNEL - JANET OLSSON

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PERSONNEL – RAYMOND CAPPELLI

PERSONNEL – DANIELLE ANDREWS

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 close the meeting and to go into Executive Session at 8:19 P.M. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 1 for Personnel- Janet Olsson, Raymond Cappelli, and Danielle Andrews. Town Solicitor Ursillo stated that all three were provided with the required notice. 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, Coutcher – aye

Woloohojian moved to come out of Executive Session and seal the minutes at 9:31 P.M. Andrews seconded. VOTED: Tourgee – aye, Woloohojian – aye, Andrews - aye, Coutcher – aye

Woloohojian moved to adjourn at 9:32 P.M. Andrews seconded.

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

**ERIN F. LIESE
ACTING TOWN CLERK**