

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 31, 2005

Present: Gregory Laboissonniere, Ted Jendzejec, Frank Hyde, Richard Sanetti,
Justin Pomfret

Town Manager Francis A. Frobel
Town Solicitor Patrick Sullivan

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Invocation led by President Hyde
Town Sergeant reviewed Emergency Evacuation Plan

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Ted Jendzejec
to accept Town Council minutes of January 10, 2005. All voted Aye. So voted.

LICENSES

Renewal of Firearms license for Walmart, 1173 Tiogue Avenue

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere
that license be granted. All voted Aye. So voted.

Application of James Zuleger for new Peddler and Sunday Sales licenses
at 47-55 Sandy Bottom Road or 1532 Main Street

Motion made by Richard Sanetti that license be tabled for 1532 Main
Street for further review and approved for 47-55 Sandy Bottom Road

Motion amended by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret to
approve new peddler and Sunday Sales license for 47-55 Sandy Bottom Road
and to deny 1532 Main Street. All voted Aye. So voted.

Application by Universal Truck and Equipment Leasing, 207 Quaker Lane,
for Sewer Contractor's license

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere
that license be approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

Renewal of temporary 30 day victualling license for David M. Delory dba
Silver Spoon, 1532 Main Street

Mr. Laboissonniere questioned whether there has been a resolution to the
problem with the sign.

Solicitor Sullivan: There has been some partial resolution, not fully. It is
still an active case, working its way through court. Still some issues, feel it will be
resolved.

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Richard Sanetti
that temporary 30-day renewal license be granted. All voted Aye. So voted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Transportation Improvement Plan

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere to
open public hearing on transportation improvement plan. All voted Aye. So
voted.

Mr. Frobel – Every two years the state invites cities and towns to submit to the transportation’s planning committee a list of projects that we think are worthy of being included in the Department of Transportation’s Improvement Plan. This is their Capital Improvement Program.

Sheila Patnode – This package was prepared based on the input I received from Council, Manager, Planning and Recreation Departments as well as previously submitted projects. We are only allowed to ask for three projects, the number is based on population.

Mrs. Patnode explained projects to be submitted to the Transportation Improvement Program as well as an explanation of the Transportation Enhancement program. The Transportation Enhancement program would include projects such as landscaping, fountains, lighting, etc.

Mr. Sanetti: Reservoir Road should be a priority, as it becomes a safety issue where fire trucks and rescue vehicles are involved.

Mrs. Patnode: That is my suggestion. Also need sidewalks; there is a constant conflict with kids, trucks, buses, car traffic and a steady stream of vehicles.

Mr. Sanetti: Would this construction project include another lane, or just resurfacing, drainage and sidewalks?

Mrs. Patnode: Just resurfacing, sidewalks and drainage. There are things that need to be accomplished at the intersection also. The traffic gets all backed up; something should be done about the flow of traffic at the high school.

Mr. Hyde: How long would this take?

Mrs. Patnode: If this project were included in TIP, would be at least two years before they would put into the next round of construction.

Mr. Laboissonniere: What about a simple change of traffic, where you would have the traffic go up Club House Road and in the back way, come out the front so you wouldn’t have people crossing at the entrance. Could change the one-ways to get in and out.

Mrs. Patnode: That’s an excellent idea. Would need to discuss with school committee and Brian Steverman. Only thing I could think of would be the door of the buses opening on the opposite side. Could maybe make a loop around.

Mrs. Patnode also mentioned Hill Farm/Harkney Hill intersection being very dangerous.

No one spoke in favor, none opposed. Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Richard Sanetti to close public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution awarding contract for operation and maintenance of Coventry sewer system

Mr. Frobel - Sewer Subcommittee has not had an opportunity yet to review.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that resolution be tabled. All voted Aye. So voted.

Resolution #11-05-2421 submitting projects under the Transportation Plan

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Richard Sanetti amending Public Hearing date in resolution to *January 31, 2005*. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Ted Jendzejec that resolution be adopted. All voted Aye. So voted.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 11-05-2421

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Coventry that the attached list of projects are hereby submitted to the State Planning Council's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for consideration in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal Fiscal Years 2006/07.

A Public Hearing was held on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) on January 31, 2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of January, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution #12-05-2422 submitting project under the Transportation Enhancement Program

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Richard Sanetti that resolution be adopted. All voted Aye. So voted.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 12-05-2422

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Coventry, that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to submit to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation an application for consideration under the Transportation Enhancement Program. Said application is for landscaping and scenic beautification of the park located at the intersection of Rhode Island Route 3 (Tiogue Avenue) and Rhode Island Route 33 (Sandy Bottom Road).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of January, 2005

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 13-05-2423 awarding purchase of radio communication equipment under a Homeland Security Grant

Mr. Frobel – Coventry received Homeland Security Grant money and our subcommittee has been working over the summer and fall to develop some specifications to better improve our communications within certain departments. We do have a small shortfall and over the course of the next few months should be able to alleviate that. This is a great opportunity to improve fire alarm and the way we communicate between various public safety agencies.

Paul Sprague along with Frank Brown presented the more technical specifications regarding the public safety communications upgrade. Many upgrades, new systems. Should be no “dead spots” in town.

Chief Brown stated that we will have the ability to talk directly to people from different agencies.

President Hyde – This will in turn cut down response time.

Chief Brown – Absolutely.

Mr. Sanetti: Is there a consensus between the chiefs regarding the spending plan for this grant? Do all the chiefs agree on this spending plan?

Chief Brown: Yes.

Mr. Pomfret: Questioned how would affect the western end of town, where there are severe communications problems.

Chief Brown: Should eliminate those problems. Nobody will give you 100% assurance, but there will be very few gaps in the system. This will take us off a low band frequency to an ultra high frequency. The greatest part of the whole system is the interoperability - the ability to talk to each other from different agencies. Right now we have to go through a third party. This way we will have the ability to communicate directly with one of the snowplow drivers for example.

Mr. Laboissonniere – Is this a digital system?

Mr. Sprague: No, but adaptable to digital. Digital would cost millions.

Mr. Sanetti: Where will the \$32,000.00 shortfall come from?

Mr. Frobel: It is a grant project. FY05 grant will take care of that.

Chief Brown: This is a major upgrade especially since the infrastructure can be moved somewhere else.

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that resolution be adopted. All voted Aye. So voted.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 13-05-2423

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Coventry, that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Cyber Communications Solutions, Inc. for a sum not to exceed \$304,163.00 for the Public Safety Communications Interoperability and Infrastructure Upgrade as set forth in bid specifications dated on or about October 28, 2004 which bid was opened on or about November 22, 2004 and which contract is awarded pursuant to the terms and conditions of U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Office for Domestic Preparedness, FY04 Homeland Security Grant Program, Award Number 2004-GE-T4-0654, Application #6-206-FY04, a copy of which is attached hereto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of January, 2005

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Deputy Town Clerk

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Ted Jendzejec to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m.

Roll call vote –Gregory Laboissonniere – Aye
Ted Jendzejec – Aye
Frank Hyde – Aye
Richard Sanetti – Aye
Justin Pomfret – Aye

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Ted Jendzejec to come out of executive session at 10:26 p.m.

Motion to seal minutes made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Frank Hyde. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Richard Sanetti that meeting be adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Cheryl A. George
Deputy Town Clerk