

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 14, 2005

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

Town Manager Francis A. Frobel
Town Solicitor Patrick Sullivan
Absent: Councilman Richard Sanetti

Pledge of Allegiance led by Girl Scouts
Invocation led by President Hyde
Mr. Frobel reviewed Emergency Evacuation Plan

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere to accept Town Council minutes of February 28, 2005. All voted Aye. So voted.

Proclamation "Girl Scout Week" presented to Girl Scouts by President Hyde.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution adopting Five Year Capital Improvement Plan (tabled)
2. Resolution allowing negotiations to proceed for sewer tie-in by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Centre of New England Boulevard, Coventry, RI, Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 1
3. Resolution allowing award of contract for operation and maintenance of Coventry Sewer System (tabled)
4. Tax abatements for months of January and February 2005 in the amount of \$3,942.85 with additions of \$1,560.31

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Justin Pomfret to table item numbers 1 and 3. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Justin Pomfret that item numbers 2 and 4 are approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

Resolution #22-05-2432 allowing negotiations to proceed for sewer tie-in by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Centre of New England Boulevard, Coventry, RI, Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 1

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 22-05-2432

That Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Centre of New England Boulevard, Coventry, RI, Assessor's Plat 6, Lot 1, be allowed to proceed with negotiations with the Town of West Warwick to connect to the West Warwick Sewer System. Such tie-in shall be in accordance with sewer tie-in agreement

between the Town of West Warwick and the Town of Coventry signed July 20, 1999 and the town's Sewer Ordinance adopted January 13, 1997. If such tie-in is approved notify the Town of Coventry for the purpose of record keeping.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of March, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

LICENSES

Application for new Sunday Sales license by Debra-Lee Bowen,
678 Carr's Trail, for Perfect O Pasta, 820 Tiogue Avenue

Applicant Debra-Lee Bowen was present.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Ted Jendzejec that Sunday Sales license is approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance Chapter 15, Section 15-8 Discharge of Water into Streets,
Highways and Sidewalks

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Justin Pomfret to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Scott Duckworth requested explanation of proposed ordinance.

President Hyde explained people have been complaining about water being pumped into the streets. In one particular case water is being pumped into a driveway, the homeowner is ending up with a pond in his driveway, freezes in the winter. Water crosses the street, puts the town into some liability. Need to improve safety. Matter has to be addressed.

Town Engineer – Sheila Patnode: We have about a dozen locations like this. Need to do something before next winter, am willing to work with the homeowners.

Ted Jendzejec questioned how this would effect swimming pool owners.

Mr. Frobel - Suggested perhaps could make it seasonal. The problems seem to be during the winter months.

Mr. Laboissonniere – The problem stems mostly from people using sump pumps in their basements.

Mr. Hyde – Yes, and freezing over on the roads.

Mr. Norman Petrarca
Ernest Street
Coventry, RI

Mr. Petrarca is having problems with water on his property, whether it is residents pumping their basements or rainwater. Flows across the road into his yard.

Mr. Jendzejec suggested adding on wording to the ordinance, such as ending the sentence with "or cause public safety concerns or damage to privately owned property".

Solicitor Sullivan will rework the language of the ordinance.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Could possibly get together with homeowners, helping to rectify the situation.

Mr. Pomfret: Would also be in favor getting homeowners together.

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Justin Pomfret to close public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Ted Jendzejec that meeting be adjourned. All voted Aye. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk