

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 2012

Motion made by Councilman Mattson seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to go into executive session to review qualifications for Boards and Commissions per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1)

1. Planning Board
2. Zoning Board
3. Coventry Housing Authority
4. Library Board of Trustees
5. Friends of Human Services
6. Land Trust
7. Traffic Calming

Individual voice vote, all voted aye.

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Motion made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to recess back to regular session. Individual voice vote. All voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Mattson to seal minutes of Executive Session. All voted aye.

Present: President Gary Cote, Vice-President Kerry McGee, Councilman Jendzejec, Councilman Mattson

Town Manager Thomas Hoover
Town Solicitor Frederick Tobin

Absent: Councilman Spear

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Moment of Silence in memory of Officer Maxwell Dorley of the Providence Police Department, who passed away in the line of duty this week
Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan

President's Comments

President Cote thanked Representative Lisa Tomasso for bringing the accomplishments of our high school and middle school students to our attention so that we could acknowledge and congratulate them this evening with certificates of recognition.

Approval of Town Council Minutes from April 2, April 5, April 9, and April 12, 2012

Councilman Mattson remarked that his comments were misinterpreted in the minutes of April 5. He requested a clarification in the minutes reflecting his inquiry as to whether RI Resource Recovery upgrades at the landfill, such as single stream recycling, would have any impact on our recycling costs.

Motion made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Mattson to approve minutes of April 2, April 9, April 12 and April 5 with correction. All voted aye.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Recognizing students from Feinstein Middle School and Coventry High School for being selected to perform in the 2012 Rhode Island Music Educators Association All Star Music Festival on March 22, 2012 and March 25, 2012
2. Recognizing students from Coventry High School for receiving 2012 Rhode Island Scholastic Art Awards
3. Recognizing students from Coventry High School for performing in the John Philip Sousa National Honors Band

President Cote presented proclamations to students from Feinstein Middle School and Coventry High School.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Authorizing the purchase of two (2) detective/administrative vehicles and three (3) patrol vehicles for the Coventry Police Department at a total general fund cost not to exceed \$60,000

Chief Volpe explained that through the Byrne grant, money is allocated from the federal government every year for law enforcement. We have pooled our amounts together from the past few years and have \$42,000. The combined cost of the 5 cars is about \$114,600. The money that we receive from the grant plus monies from the Trust for two totaled cars, equal about \$58,000. We are looking in the vicinity of \$60,000 from the General Fund. We have gone out to bid and will open bids on April 27, however, there is a deadline on the vehicle that we want and the ordering phase ends this Friday.

Manager Hoover added that because in this current fiscal year we haven't been able to fill some vacant officer positions due to resignations and retirements, there is a surplus in the Police Department budget. The \$60,000 comes out of this year's budget to make up the difference.

Councilman Jendzejec made motion seconded by Vice-President McGee to approve resolution. All voted aye.

2. Requesting the Rhode Island General Assembly to approve Senate Bill 2171, with amendments, regarding manufactured and mobile homes

Planning Director Paul Sprague advised that this bill is currently before the Senate, amending the RI Low and Moderate Income Housing Act to include year round mobile and manufactured homes in the calculation of the required 10% of low and moderate income homes in the community.

In addition, there is a provision for the General Assembly to enact legislation requiring Rhode Island Housing to administer the funds. Although this probably would not include a lot of the mobile and manufactured homes that already exist (right now there are 1, 085 units in town), it would be effective going forward with a purchase or if someone seeks to refinance.

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Mattson to approve resolution. All voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Gizzarelli, 50 Harrington Road, commented that is seeking maps with boundary lines of fire districts, abutting districts, and any overlap of the districts. He remarked that he feels it would be in the best interest of the taxpayers of the town to have additional fire district mergers.

Motion made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Mattson to adjourn meeting. All voted aye.

Town Clerk