

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2005

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

Town Solicitor Patrick Sullivan
Acting Town Manager Richard Sullivan - Absent

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

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret to approve minutes of April 28, 2005. All voted Aye. So voted.

Gregory Laboissonniere noted a change should be made to minutes of April 25, 2005 regarding the vote on Johnny O's Inc. Should be 3-0 instead of 4-0 as Mr. Pomfret was absent and Mr. Laboissonniere recused himself.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Ted Jendzejec to amend minutes of April 25, 2005 to reflect change in vote of Johnny O's, Inc. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Ted Jendzejec to amend minutes of April 11, 2005 to read: "At 11:50 p.m. motion to emerge from executive session by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Justin Pomfret. Unanimous roll call vote. Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Ted Jendzejec to seal minutes of executive session. Unanimous roll call vote. Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret. All voted Aye. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m."

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Richard Sanetti that amendment be approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

PUBLIC HEARING – Small Cities Community Development Block Grant

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Richard Sanetti to open Public Hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Presentation by Denise Stetson, Associate Planner.

Ms. Stetson outlined proposals being submitted for consideration to the RI 2005 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program. Listed in order of priority for council approval are:

1. Housing Rehabilitation	\$233,200
2. CHAC Comprehensive Home Ownership Program	\$210,000
3. CHAC Sewer Connection Project	\$ 37,000
4. Spurwink/RI Group Home Renovations	\$ 14,800
5. Administration	\$ 5,000
Total	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

We usually receive less but are eligible to ask for \$500,000.00. Last year we received about \$185,000.00 This is a HUD program. It is all federal money and we have to abide by their rules.

Mr. Jendzejec: Questioned the number of people requesting their septic systems be replaced.

Ms. Stetson: Most are from the eastern end of town.

Mr. Sanetti: These are older homes and smaller lots. There are also low lying areas around Tiogue Lake.

Town Council felt the list presented and the arranged priorities and final ranking were agreeable and accurate for submittal.

No one spoke in favor, no one opposed. Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that public hearing be closed. All voted Aye. So voted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret to table Resolution #6. Awarding contract for town's financial audit; #7. Awarding contract for Town of Coventry to take over tax collection, assessments and payroll services to Tiogue Fire District; remove #5. Setting date for Financial Town Meeting for discussion; and amend #3 to read "Acting Town Manager". All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Ted Jendzejec to approve items #1,2,3,4,8 and 9 on Consent Agenda. All voted Aye. So voted.

1. Tax Abatements for the months of March and April 2005 in the amount of \$6,132.71 with additions of \$5,784.00
2. Resolution releasing bond for Weymouth Ridge
3. Resolution authorizing the Acting Town Manager to file application regarding Community Development Block Grant
4. Resolution regarding Town Council meeting schedule for months of July and August
5. Resolution setting date for Financial Town Meeting (removed)
6. Resolution awarding contract for town's financial audit (tabled)
7. Resolution awarding contract for the Town of Coventry to take over tax collection, assessments and payroll services to Tiogue Fire District (tabled)
8. Resolution authorizing Acting Town Manager to execute agreement with Tiogue Fire District
9. Resolution supporting Senate Bill 2005-S0133 relating to Active Military Duty Tax Exemption of \$1000.00 for Coventry residents

Mr. Laboissonniere: I want to make a couple of points regarding a delay in the Financial Town Meeting. Each week this could cost the town approximately \$15,000 in unemployment benefits for the teachers because we are self-insured. There is a good chance that some of those teachers may end up going to other school districts if this goes very long. Taxpayers are already disenfranchised because of increases due to the revaluation.

Mr. Hyde: I understand your concern about what it is going to cost the school department; I am concerned about what it is going to cost the town. I don't believe that the budget is ready. It is far from ready and we need time to get the budget in order.

Mr. Laboissonniere: I know that you want to wait and see what the General Assembly is going to give us.

Mr. Hyde: That has already been a concern of mine, how we can balance the budget before we know what we are going to receive in revenue from the state.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Don't know what you expect to accomplish with those two additional weeks delay. Is there some way we can work nights/weekends to get it to our constituents on the 14th?

Mr. Hyde: We have had financial town meetings in July before. This is to use our time in a productive manner to get the budget under control. The 28th is the date we have spoken about. Are you comfortable with the budget the way it is? I would like to analyze it line by line.

Mr. Laboissonniere: It definitely needs more work.

Mr. Hyde: We need to adopt this 30 days before the financial town meeting.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Ted Jendzejec to set the date for the financial town meeting on June 28, 2005. Motion passed by 4-1 vote. Motion carries.

Resolution #37-05-2447 releasing bond for Weymouth Ridge

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
No. 37-05-2447

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby releases in full the bond currently held for certain improvements in Weymouth Ridge.

This action is taken upon the recommendation of the Town Engineer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

Attest: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution #038-05-2448 authorizing the Acting Town
Manager to file application regarding Community Development
Block Grant

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
No. 038-05-2448

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program, administered by the Community Development office; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said Community Development office to disburse such funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Coventry that application be made to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY:

That the filing of this application for the amount of \$500,000 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that the Acting Town Manager is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Community Development office, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the Town of Coventry in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th day of May, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

Attest: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution #039-05-2449 regarding Town Council meeting schedule for
months of July and August

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
No. 039-05-2449

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council summer schedule for meetings during

the months of July and August 2005 will be as follows: July 25 and August 22, 2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2005

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution #40-05-2450 setting date for Financial Town Meeting

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
No. 040-05-2450

RESOLVED:

That the annual Financial Town Meeting of the Town of Coventry will be held on June 28, 2005

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2005

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution #41-05-2451 authorizing Acting Town Manager to execute agreement with Tiogue Fire District

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
No. 41-05-2451

RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Coventry:

The Acting Town Manager is authorized to execute an agreement on behalf of the Town Council with the Tiogue Fire District pursuant to the resolution passed and adopted by the Town Council on May 9, 2005.

Passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 042-05-2452 supporting Senate Bill 2005-S0133 relating to Active Military Duty Tax Exemption of \$1,000.00 for Coventry residents

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
No. 42-05-2452

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Council of the Town of Coventry unanimously supports Senate bill S2005-S0133 introduced by Senator Blais on January 27, 2005 relating to Military Service/Active Duty Tax Exemption and urges the General Assembly to grant passage of said bill.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May , 2005.

APPROVED : Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

LICENSES

Renewal of Launderette Licenses

STAR BRITE LAUNDROMAT II, INC.
1612 Nooseneck Hill Road

Renewal of Auto Salvage licenses

1. Capozzi's Auto Sales and Salvage, Inc.
2. Carlos, John dba A. Carlos and Sons
3. Strembicki, Pearl dba Frank Strembicki and Sons Towing and Auto Salvage Inc.

Renewal of Pool Table licenses

1. Kim Holly's Inc., dba Kim Holly's. 17 Sandy Bottom Rd.
2. VFW Post #9404, 29 South Main St.
3. Washington Tap, Inc., dba Bim's Place, 1152 Main St.
4. Harris Bar and Grille, 666 Main St.

Renewal of Second Hand licenses

1. D's Walk In Closet, Donna R. Covill
2. Little Pumpkins, Cynthia A. Sullivan
3. Sew-Phisticated, Christine Ludka
4. Blockbuster Video, Jeffrey A. Pelletier
5. Little House of Consignment Inc., Carl and Tami Monteiro

Renewal of Mechanical and Electronic Amusement devices

1. Club Jogues, 184 Boston Street
2. Star Brite Laundromat, Inc., 1612 Nooseneck Hill Road
3. Venus Pizza, Inc., 2080 Nooseneck Hill Road
4. VFW Post #9404, 29 South Main St., PO Box 702

Applications for licenses by Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish for Raffle, Bingo, Class F and Dance for carnival on July 15, 16 and 17, 2005.

Applications for licenses by Celebrate Coventry Committee for Live Entertainment and Fireworks licenses

Applications by Apeiron Institute for Sustainable Living Festival for Exhibition and Performance license

Application for Fireworks license by Johnson's Pond Civic Association for July 4, 2005 with rain date July 5, 2005.

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Richard Sanetti that all licenses be approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution appointing alternate member to the Canvassing Authority (Tabled)
2. Resolution reappointing member to Coventry Housing Authority
3. Resolution reappointing member to Planning Commission

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that resolution appointing alternate member to the Canvassing Authority be tabled. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret that Rudolph Robitaille be reappointed to the Coventry Housing Authority. All voted Aye. So voted.

Resolution # 043-05-2452 reappointing member to Coventry Housing Authority

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 043-05-2453

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, REAPPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE COVENTRY HOUSING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS the Town Council reappoints members to the Coventry Housing Authority for a term of five (5) years.

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred due to the expiration of one term of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That Rudolph Robitaille, 78 Old North Road is hereby reappointed to fill the five year term of office, expiring May 1, 2010.

Section 2. Any action contemplated herewith that may be in contravention with Council action previously adopted be, and the same is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Gregory Laboissoniere that Scott Nelson be reappointed to the Coventry Planning Commission. All voted Aye. So voted.

Resolution # 044-05-2453 reappointing member to Coventry Planning Commission

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 044-05-2453

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, REAPPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 8-73-0008.

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 8-73-0008, Section 2, requires that there be a Planning Commission consisting of nine (9) members for five (5) year staggered terms of office.

WHEREAS, there now exists one vacancy on the Coventry Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby reappoints the below listed individual:

Scott Nelson, 27 West View Drive

to a term of office, expiring May 1, 2010.

Section 2. Any action contemplated herewith that may be in contravention with Council action previously adopted be, and the same is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. Amendment to Chapter 16, Section 16-54, Taxation – Exemption for Veterans (tabled)
2. Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IV Comprehensive Permit for Low and Moderate Income Housing

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that ordinance regarding comprehensive permit for low and moderate income housing be advertised for public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Justin Pomfret that Council go into executive session at 8:00 p.m. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Justin Pomfret to emerge from Executive Session. Roll call vote unanimous.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Ted Jendzejec to adjourn meeting. All voted Aye. So voted.

Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk