

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Gary Cote, Ted Jendzejec, Kerry McGee, Raymond Spear, Carl Mattson, Jr.

Town Manager Thomas Hoover
Town Solicitor Frederick Tobin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Invocation by Fr. Kelly from St. Vincent de Paul Church
Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan

President's Comments

President Cote thanked citizens for attending tonight's meeting and added that the Town Council is working diligently on the budget for the Financial Town Meeting.

Approval of Town Council minutes from April 25, 2011

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Mattson to approve minutes. All voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Renewal of Second Hand licenses
 - a. D's Walk In Closet, 790 Washington Street
 - b. Little Pumpkins, 759 Tiogue Avenue
 - c. Sew-Phisticated, 303 South Main St., Suite 2
 - d. Twice Is Nice, 1049 B Tiogue Avenue
 - e. GameStop, Inc., dba Game Stop, 627 Centre of New England Blvd.
 - f. Anthony Village Antiques, 658 Washington Street
 - g. Home Sweet Home Again, 572 Tiogue Ave., Unit 1

2. Renewal of Auto Salvage License for Capozzi's Auto Sales and Salvage, Inc., 2011 New London Turnpike

Motion made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to approve Consent Agenda. All voted aye

LICENSES

1. Approval of new Second Hand licenses for:
 - a. The Clothesline II & III, 4 & 5 Shoppers Park (by Ernest Cesario, Jr., 236 Nooseneck Hill Rd., West Greenwich)

 - b. Big River Woodshop, 749 Tiogue Avenue (by Sabatino Giordano, 399 Robin Hollow Road, West Greenwich, RI)

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Spear to approve new Second Hand licenses. All voted aye.

2. Application for one day Class F (beer and wine) license for Westminster Unitarian Church, 1395 Nooseneck Hill Road, Coventry

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Mattson to approve license. All voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointing members to the Friends of Human Services Board

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman McGee to appoint Nancy Assumpico, Karen Raposa, Marie Drumm and William Tomasso to the Friends of Human Services Advisory Board. All voted Aye.

2. Appointing a member to the Coventry Housing Authority

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to reappoint Robert DiPadua to the Coventry Housing Authority. All voted aye.

3. Appointing members to the Library Board of Trustees

Motion made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to appoint Patricia Pare, William Rogers and Glen Underwood to the Library Board of Trustees. All voted Aye.

4. Appointing members to the Planning Commission

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman McGee to appoint Richard Kalunian, Girard Bouchard, Jr., and Jason Osenkowski to the Planning Commission. Vote taken: 4 Aye; 1 Abstain (Councilman Spear abstains) Motion passes.

5. Appointing members to the Zoning Board of Review

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman McGee to appoint Denise DeGraide as a full member and Anthony Petrarca and Russell Lacaillade as alternate members to the Zoning Board of Review. All voted aye.

6. Appointing Moderator for annual Financial Town Meeting to be held on June 7, 2011

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Mattson to appoint Arthur Capaldi, Esq. as moderator for the Financial Town Meeting. All voted Aye.

7. Appointment of Councilman Carl Mattson, Jr. to the Sewer Subcommittee

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to appoint Councilman Carl Mattson to the Sewer Subcommittee. All vote Aye.

9. Affirming the award of a contract for pavement and sidewalk restoration under the federally funded Local Equity Aid Program to Miozzi, Inc. for a total cost of \$631,014.19

Manager Hoover explained that this is a Federal Aid program, we advertised for bidders and have received five bids. Miozzi, Inc is the low bidder at slightly over \$631,000. The priority

list of potential roadway work which is to be incorporated into the contract includes resurfacing on portions of Town Farm Road, Station Street, Hill Street and Pilgrim Avenue; curb and sidewalk replacement on portions of Jack Pine Road, Apple Blossom Lane, Blueberry Lane, Plum Tree Lane and Wood Cove Drive.

Councilman Jendzejec questioned a difference in price on the resolution (\$656,000) as compared to the bid result amount of \$631, 041.19. DPW Superintendent Dennis Smith explained that there is not discrepancy as the total award was \$656,000. The gap in monetary amounts represents a bid awarded last fall to oversee inspection and testing that was awarded to Geiser Engineering. Our town engineer will also inspect work along with Geiser, but they will do all the federal paperwork.

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Spear to amend resolution to reflect the bid amount of \$631,014.19. All voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Spear to adopt resolution as amended. All voted Aye.

8. Approving the reinstatement of a loan program from the Waterman/Fiske Trust Fund

Councilman Spear remarked that although the program has been clarified and we are moving forward, guidelines need to be put in place to ensure there are no loans issued to businesses and that it is understood that the loan is for individuals who qualify. It is understood that there are people who are in need of money, want to be able to pay it back and we need the loan program to serve as that vehicle.

Motion made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Spear to adopt resolution and appoint Councilman Jendzejec to the three member committee which will review and approve loans for the fund. All voted aye.

10. Amendment to the Rules and Regulations relating to the Community Septic System Loan Program

Planning Director Paul Sprague gave overview of the amendment as to the rules and regulations relating to the community septic system loan program, redefining the meaning of a "failed system" and allowing financial relief to new home owners by changing the minimum period of eligible home ownership from two years to one year for participants in the program. Mr. Sprague indicated that due to difficult economic times, some residents who have owned their homes for less than two years have found it a financial hardship not to be eligible for the program.

Motion made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

11. Resolution adopting the Operating and Capital budget for FY 2011-2012

Motion made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Mattson to table resolution. All voted aye.

President Cote explained that currently we are in talks with the Commissioner of Education on matters that affect the budget. Confirmation has not been received on whether we

can move forward yet, so we are going to meet on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. pertaining to the budget that will go to the Financial Town Meeting.

12. Approving a policy that all General Fund balances over ten (10) % of the General Fund be added proportionately to the Police and Municipal Pension Fund Annual Required Contribution (ARC)

Motion made by Councilman Spear seconded by Councilman Mattson to table resolution. All voted Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert DiPadua, 62 Laurel Ave., commended the council for reinstating the Waterman Fiske loan program.

Charles Vacca, Fairway Drive, spoke as a member of the Pawtuxet Valley Preservation Society and thanked Superintendent Dennis Smith and DPW for their help working with us on historical cemeteries. Mapleroot Cemetery is in deplorable condition and we will be working on that as a long term project.

Mr. Vacca also stated that he is disappointed that Cindy Fagan, a long standing and knowledgeable member of the Planning Commission, was not reappointed to that board.

He does not approve of the Waterman Fiske Loan program and believes that the town needs a stringent, monitoring system so that the fund is not abused.

David Florio, 153 Princeton Ave., believes the reinstatement of the loan program is a good idea.

Motion made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Spear to adjourn. All voted aye.

Town Clerk