

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 23, 2005

Executive Session

At 6:30 p.m. Councilman Sanetti moved to go into executive session for interviews for Assessment Review Board and Juvenile Hearing Board candidates, seconded by Councilman Pomfret. Roll call vote unanimous.

James J. O'Connor was interviewed for Assessment Review Board. He was asked questions on his application and his abilities to perform the job.

Catherine Silvia was interviewed for Juvenile Hearing Board, asked questions on her application and abilities to perform the job.

Martha Paone was interviewed for Juvenile Hearing Board, asked questions on her application and abilities to perform the job.

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Richard Sanetti to come out of executive session at 7:15 p.m. Roll call vote unanimous.

7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

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

Acting Town Manager Richard Sullivan
Town Solicitor: Patrick J. Sullivan

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

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret that minutes of May 9, 2005 and May 16, 2005 are approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

Proclamation regarding retirement of Captain Steven Robertson of the Cranston Police Department. Captain Robertson not present.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret that public hearing for Tax Classification Ordinance is opened. All voted Aye. So voted.

Scott Duckworth questioned the posting of the ordinance; believed it was posted three business days before meeting rather than the required four days.

Solicitor Sullivan stated that Saturday is considered a business day.

Maryellen Shardlow, financial consultant, gave overview of ordinance. The idea of tax classification is basically due to the revaluation. What would happen to the businesses is that their tax would actually go down. Figured out that it would be about a half million dollars in lost revenues. Council is trying to equal the tax burden. Spread the tax burden out, equalization. Some of your taxes are going to go down, some up. Without tax classification the residents of Coventry will bear most of the tax burden.

Have done analysis that without tax classification it could mean up to 35 or 40 cents more on the tax rate.

Frank Hyde – The revaluation on the businesses throughout town were in general about a 30% increase. On homes more like 60-70%, correct? I checked with tax assessor and yourself, and looked at different models throughout the town, Washington Street, Tiogue, Wood Estates, different places. I don't think it would be unreasonable to ask everyone to pay a small portion. But it would be unreasonable for people to get a \$1,000.00 increase, need to make it fair and equitable for everybody.

With tax classification \$18.00 per thousand, what is that going to mean to the business owner. Most of them were about \$150.00 to \$250.00 a year; Sandy Bottom about \$300.00 a year; Tiogue Avenue about \$250.00 to \$300.00 a year. Then looked at homes, had tax assessor do five different models in Oak Haven, Tiogue, District 3, Harris and Read Avenue section. Most homeowners will see about \$150.00 to \$300.00 increase.

We looked at what mobile homes would pay. I'm looking to be fair and equitable across the board. Don't want to see 7.5% tax increase. I understand the revaluation has affected businesses far less than homeowners. The proposal we had initially was not fair.

John Assalone – Westwood Estates taxes/value up 244%; Leisure Village 195%; Mapleroot 165%; Ramblewood 160%; they don't get rubbish removal, snow removal, sanding, can't use transfer station. It's up \$80,000 in one park alone (Westwood Estates). Besides the taxes on their homes which are going up because of the revaluation, they are going to have another underlying tax of over \$80,000 in a pass-through. I think that this is wrong.

Tax Assessor Patricia Picard – The mobile homes are going to be charged the same rate as the residential property. It's the mobile home park itself that is treated as a commercial property, always has been. It's Mr. Assalone's tax bill that's going up.

Janet Anderson, Manager and Vice President of Ramblewood Co-op. You would be placing burden on low and medium income as well as elderly. They do not use garbage pickup, snow plowing, schools, busses, we even pay for our own street lights. We help Coventry meet its quota for low-medium and elderly housing.

Mr. Assalone – I stood here many times supporting Centre of New England. I still do. There is not one business in that park that is going to be affected, but everyone here will be.

Mr. Hyde – We all pay the same tax rate. In Mr. Frobel's budget my business tax would have gone down about \$200.00. I'm not against that, but need to find a way to make it fair across the board.

Ms. Shardlow, Financial Consultant - I understand about pass-through. It's like a Catch 22; if you don't have this classification some tax bills are going up \$700 or \$800. We will be over the state limit for tax.

Mr. Sanetti – My understanding is that John Assalone's tax liability is additional \$72,000.00 for this upcoming fiscal year.

Mrs. Picard - \$75,000.00. It is my understanding that Westwood mobile home owners would be paying about a \$4.00 increase per unit per month, would be taxed at the same rate as every other residential property in Coventry. They are not being treated unfairly, in fact they are benefiting.

Gary Bache, 52 Leisure Way – Say your house is valued at \$200,000. Does that \$200,000 include the value of the land and the house.

Mr. Hyde – If I live on property that I own, that’s correct. If it is owned by a collective unit that is different.

Mr. Bache – So the assessed value of that property is for land and building. You’re going to pay the tax rate of \$14.93 a thousand. Now, in my situation I live in Mr. Assalone’s park. You are asking me to pay a rate of \$14.93 on my mobile home, but you are asking me to pay a rate of \$18.00 on the land. Not fair, total inequity, injustice.

Robert Matthews, Poppin John Lane – I have to use the Johnston landfill to dump, no services.

Alfred Ritchotte, 65 Coventry Drive – Wanted to know how much it would cost the town to provide these services.

Ms. Anderson – Can’t have those services because the roads have to meet certain requirements for those vehicles to come in there.

Randall Kelly, 19 King Phillip Road – Why can’t we have a tax break because we get no services from the town. Why does the town feel a mobile home is equal to a house?

Mr. Hyde – We can amend the ordinance to make it more fair and equitable. We can include the real estate upon which mobile homes are constructed irrespective of ownership. That would reduce the tax rate.

Ms. Shardlow – You are talking about taking this out of commercial.

Mr. Hyde - \$14.97 for residents of parks (remove the commercial standing).

Ms. Shardlow – To be classified as residential, not commercial. would make the rate \$14.95 per thousand.

Mr. Hyde – Corrected to \$14.97.

Mr. Laboissonniere - \$14.97 is proposed, not written in stone at that time.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret that public hearing is closed. All voted Aye. So voted.

Acting Town Manager Richard Sullivan suggested amending the ordinance as follows: Section 16-94, (a) Paragraph 1 – After the words “mobile homes”, that there be a comma “including real estate upon which mobile homes are constructed”. Also, in that same paragraph where it states “three” dwellings, amend to “five (5)” dwelling units, and do same in subsection 2 also amend to “five (5) dwelling units.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret that ordinance is amended as follows: Section 16-94, (a) Paragraph 1 – After the words “mobile homes”, that there be a comma “including real estate upon which mobile homes are constructed”. Also, in that same paragraph where it states “three” dwellings, amend to” five (5)” dwelling units, and do same in subsection 2 also amend to “five (5)” dwelling units. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion to approve ordinance as amended by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret. Vote 4-1, Greg Laboissonniere voted no. Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution appointing Edward S. Inman, III Moderator for the Financial Town Meeting
2. Resolution reappointing Patricia Pare and Elaine Ortgiesen to Library Board of Trustees
3. Resolution extending moratorium on Affordable Housing
4. Resolution awarding bus transportation for Parks and Recreation summer program
5. Resolution regarding grant from US Dept. of Justice for computer equipment
6. Resolution authorizing Acting Town Manager to enter into agreement with certified public accounting firm to perform Town's independent audit (tabled)

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret that Consent Agenda is approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

Resolution #45-05-2455 appointing Edward S. Inman, III Moderator for the Financial Town Meeting

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 45-05-2455

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY,
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE
PLANTATIONS, APPOINTING MODERATOR FOR
THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING TO BE
HELD ON JUNE 28, 2005.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby appoints Edward S. Inman, III as Moderator for the Annual Financial Town Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 28, 2005 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Section 2 of the Public Laws of Rhode Island approved May 25, 1958.

SECTION 2. That 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 23rd day of May, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

APPROVED Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 46-05-2456 reappointing Patricia Pare and Elaine Ortgiesen to Library Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
No. 46-05-2456

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, REAPPOINTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE COVENTRY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES .

WHEREAS the Ordinance establishing the Coventry Public Library requires a Board of Trustees consisting of seven (7) members to be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms of office, and

WHEREAS, there now exists two expired terms of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby reappoints the below listed individuals:

Patricia L. Pare, 10 Bestwick Trail and Elaine Ortgiesen, 17 York Drive
as members with terms of office expiring May 1, 2008.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2005.

APPROVED : Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 47-05-2457 extending moratorium on Affordable Housing

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 47-05-2457

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND urging the General Assembly to extend the moratorium of private for-profit developers of Low and Moderate Income Housing under R.I.G.L §45-53-1 et. seq. to June 30, 2006.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has provided pursuant to R.I.G.L. §45-53-1 et. seq. that cities and towns with approved affordable housing plans and which meet local housing needs may limit the annual total number of dwelling units in comprehensive permit applications from for-profit developers to an aggregate of one percent (1%) of the total number of year-round housing units in town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Coventry approved its Affordable Housing on November 8, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Coventry has requested Statewide Planning for an extension of time within which to approve a revised Affordable Housing Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Coventry respectfully requests the General Assembly to extend the moratorium concerning for-profit developers as set forth in R.I.G.L. §45-53-4 to June 30, 2006.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2005.

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

Resolution #48-05-2458 awarding bus transportation for Parks and Recreation summer program

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 48-05-2458

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Acting Town Manager pursuant to Section 2-148 of the Town Code of Ordinances to provide bus transportation for the 2005 Summer Recreation Program Bus Transportation.

Vendor

LIDLAW EDUCATION SERVICES

Coventry Branch
60 Wood Street
Coventry, RI 02816

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Department of Parks and Recreation General Operating Fund.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May 2005.

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution # 49-05-2459 regarding grant from US Dept. of Justice for computer equipment

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 49-05-2459

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Coventry that the Coventry Police Department will be receiving a computer enhancement grant in the amount of \$14,261.00 from the United States Department of Justice for the purchase of computers.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May 2005

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

Resolution #50-05-2460 authorizing Acting Town Manager to enter into agreement with certified public accounting firm to perform Town's independent audit

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 50-05-2460

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Coventry that the Acting Town Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the certified public accounting firm of Parmalee, Poirier, and Associates, 2350 Post Road, Suite 102, Warwick, RI 02886 to perform the independent audit of the Town's financial records for the fiscal years ending:

June 30, 2005 \$33,225

Said proposal is more fully discussed in the written proposal dated March 11, 2005 and on file in the office of the Finance Director of the Town of Coventry and Town Manager's Office for public inspection.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2005.

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #51-05-2461 setting the bond for road opening at 29 Yates Avenue regarding sewer line

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

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 51-05-2461

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Coventry that they will set bond in the amount of \$25,000.00 with \$2,500.00 inspection fee for the road opening at 29 Yates Avenue.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May 2005

APPROVED Frank Hyde
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

Resolution # 52-05-2462 appointing James J. O'Connor to the Board of Assessment Review for District 3

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Justin Pomfret that resolution is adopted. All voted Aye. So voted.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
No. 52-05-2462

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE X, SECTION 10.40 OF THE COVENTRY HOME RULE CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the Coventry Home Rule Charter requires that there be a Board of Assessment Review consisting of five members for a term of six years,

WHEREAS, there now exists a vacancy in District #3.

BE IT RESOLVED, that James J. O'Connor, Jr., 4 Elmwood Court, Coventry is hereby appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to fill a six year term of office representing Districts #3, ending November 2010.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2005.

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution #53-05-2463 appointing Catherine Silvia to the Juvenile Hearing Board

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Richard Sanetti that resolution is adopted. All voted Aye. So voted.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 53-05-2463

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO THE JUVENILE HEARING BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY ORDINANCE NO. 2-91-0174.

WHEREAS, Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2-91-0174 provides for the appointment of five (5) members serving three (3) year staggered terms of office and two (2) alternate members serving one (1) year terms of office.

SECTION 1. That the Town Council hereby appoints the below listed individual

Catherine Silvia, 17 Cobblestone Terrace

to fill an unexpired term of office; with term expiring December 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. That 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 23rd day of May, 2005 .

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution #54-05-2464 regarding termination of hotel occupancy tax revenues

Mr. Laboissonniere questioned if this resolution replaces any prior resolution that we have in place.

Mr. Sanetti: Yes, a resolution passed in 2001.

Mr. Laboissonniere read prior resolution stating that revenues collected as a result of the hotel occupancy tax in the amount of 25% shall be provided to the Pawtuxet Valley Chamber of Commerce. These are revenues to be used to promote the Pawtuxet Valley. Is this resolution meant to replace the other one?

Mr. Hyde: We are giving them \$2000 - \$3000 this year. I didn't know about the 25% of the hotel tax, which amounts to about \$10,000.00. I had no idea about this. This to me seems excessive, and then we have another hotel coming in. I have to wonder if we are going to be giving away another 25%.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Suggested maybe capping it, put a dollar amount on it. I don't believe that it's right to cut the Chamber of Commerce off at this point; we had an agreement. They are located in the Hampton Inn working for the community and offering a lot of services. They deal with businesses interested in moving into town. Feel taking it away would be a detriment to this town.

Mr. Hyde: The Chamber of Commerce is one of the highest beneficiaries of our grants, and I just want to make that clear to everybody.

Mr. Sanetti: The Town of Coventry is operating under strict financial constraints, to be giving away 25% of our tax revenues is excessive. We made a substantial contribution to them, believe it is about \$2,000. I know that the Town of West Warwick is giving \$3,000.00. We will be in line with the other communities.

Mr. Laboissonniere: I believe giving to them is an investment in our own community; they have seminars for business owners, etc. I think they provide services to the people looking to bring business into our town. Would request that we do not pass this resolution.

Mr. Hyde: We can adjust the \$2,000 up to \$3,000.00

Mr. Laboissonniere: I did have a discussion with Mr. McGee today, and he did mention that by taking that away from the Chamber, they would probably be in jeopardy of keeping the Hampton Inn location open.

Mr. Hyde: I thought they got the room for free.

Mr. Laboissonniere: It does have to be staffed and they still have expenses even though they get the space for free.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Ted Jendzejec that resolution is adopted. Vote 4-1, Mr. Laboissonniere voted no. Motion passes.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 54-05-2464

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Coventry that revenues collected as a result of the hotel occupancy tax will go to the General Fund as of July 1, 2005.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2005 .

APPROVED Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

Resolution #55-05-2465 accepting and recommending Acting Town Manager's Proposed Budget as amended for FY 2005-2006 to Financial Town Meeting on June 28, 2005.

Mr. Laboissonniere questioned which budget proposal of the three he received is the correct one.

Mr. Hyde stated that the one delivered to him this morning was the correct budget proposal.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Does that make the first two null and void?

Mr. Hyde: It means that the last one that was delivered to you on Friday was missing 30 pages. That was a printing error.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Received one on April 1, received one on Saturday and today picked up one at the Town Hall.

Mr. Hyde: The budget reflecting the 7.5% is wrong, just throw it away. The new one is the 4.74%.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Then this is a brand new proposal. I suggest that if we move forward with this that it is being done illegally because we have not had any public hearings on this new proposed budget. Would like an opinion from our solicitor.

Solicitor Sullivan: The budget was introduced, public hearings were held and it can be amended at any time, and can still be amended further at the Financial Town Meeting.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Who amends it? The package that I have has been amended, who amended it? Do you have the changes?

Acting Town Manager Richard Sullivan: Changes from Mr. Frobel's 7.5% to our 4.7% would take a bit of time to walk you through. Been working nights on it, police delivered it, had to be corrected because some pages were missing, redid it Monday morning and sent out new packages.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Was there a meeting where these were amended? I was not at a meeting where anything was amended. We had public hearings based on the first budget.

Mr. Hyde: We have made adjustments based on the public hearing.

Mr. Laboissonniere: These changes were not made at a meeting, we are approving the Acting Town Manager's proposed budget. This was amended. We need additional public hearings based on these numbers. There are substantial differences that were not there for the public hearings. These changes weren't made in public. Where were they made?

Mr. Hyde: They were made as they always are, by talking to the manager and the finance director.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Amendments are made at a public hearing.

Mr. Hyde: What do you find offensive? It is a 4.7% budget.

Mr. Laboissonniere: I believe that if the first budget that we had is null and void as you just told me, then these are new numbers and require another public hearing.

Solicitor Sullivan: That is the skeleton upon which flesh grew. There is no requirement that each time the budget is changed that you have to have another public hearing. Staff recommended changes to the manager, and he submits this to you.

Mr. Laboissonniere: I spent all weekend going over the changes. Think that this is deceptive and is not what the public knew about. Public did not have a chance to comment on the changes

Mr. Hyde: They gave us their comments and we readjusted the tax rate accordingly. We reduced the tax rate by almost a \$1.00.

Mr. Laboissonniere: I feel that if the budget goes forward, that we will be moving forward illegally. Your opinion is that we will not.

Solicitor Sullivan: That's right, and it can be amended again at the Financial Town Meeting.

Mr. Hyde: It is down from 7.5% to 4.7%. We did our homework.

Mr. Laboissonniere: In the new packet that we received, on the last page regarding the revenue summary, we have dipped into the health insurance reimbursement fund for \$1,275,000.00. We have also added \$189,000.00 to the capital non-recurring fund. We already had \$300,000.00 in there, which in essence will wipe that out. The fund balance, with the correction of the \$225,000.00 is being tapped for 975,000.00, so we are in essence tapping our savings account for \$2,500,000.00. The question that I have is on the health care reimbursement self-insurance fund. Mr. Sullivan, are there any restrictions on that fund?

Solicitor Sullivan: We can pay for any self-insurance needs.

Mr. Laboissonniere: What is the balance in that health insurance fund?

Ms. Shardlow: It is \$ 6,000,000.00 right now.

Mr. Laboissonniere: Isn't this the fund that was pledged for collateral for tax anticipation notes for our sewer fund?

Ms. Shardlow: No, never pledged that.

Mr. Laboissonniere: I am under the understanding that the \$6,000,000.00 in that fund is to secure those tax anticipation notes. What we are doing by tapping our reserves is falsely showing what the tax rate will actually be.

Mr. Hyde: Why should we tax the people and not give them what they pay for?

Mr. Laboissonniere: What is the fund balance going to dip to percentage-wise?

Ms. Shardlow: The requirement is that we keep 5% of operating budget. We will have well over that. Right now we have a fund balance of 5.8%, about 4.2 million.

Mr. Laboissonniere: We haven't reduced any expenditures in this new budget, in fact increased by \$112,000.00, added two police officers, do we have any documentation that we need two additional police officers?

Mr. Sanetti: We have major speeding issues in our neighborhoods and our streets. These officers are for a traffic detail as part of a CARE program, to enforce specifically speed and traffic violations in our neighborhoods.

Mr. Laboissonniere: We are setting a dangerous precedent by taking the money from our savings. Next year taxes are certainly going to go up again. A decrease in expenditures would seem to me to be the prudent thing to do, not just tap the fund.

Mr. Hyde: The dangerous precedent to me is when you tax and don't give the taxpayer what they paid for.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Ted Jendzejec to approve resolution accepting and recommending Acting Town Manager's Proposed Budget as amended for FY 2005-2006 to Financial Town Meeting on June 28, 2005. Vote 4-1, Mr. Laboissonniere voted no. Motion passes.

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 55-05-2465

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby accepts and amends the Acting Town Manager's Proposed General Budget and recommends to the Financial Town Meeting the following actions:

SECTION 1. That \$19,607,456 be appropriated from tax revenues, federal and state aid and other revenues for the operation of the Municipal Government as set forth in Exhibit "A", which is attached.

SECTION 2. That \$37,445,996 be appropriated from tax revenues for the operation of the School Department. These funds shall supplement state aid to education grants and other school revenues to provide an operating budget of \$59,336,130.

SECTION 3. That \$4,189,851 in tax revenues, interest earnings, and state aid be appropriated for the retirement of principal and interest on outstanding bonded indebtedness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May 2005.

APPROVED: Frank Hyde
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Application by Coventry Pines Golf Course, 1065 Harkney Hill Road for Class B Ltd license

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Richard Sanetti to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Present: Richard Anderson
36 Williams Crossing Road
Coventry, RI 02816

Mr. Anderson stated that over the years his patrons have asked that he serve beer after a round of golf. Would not be a bar, just a seasonal operation.

No one spoke in favor, no one opposed.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that public hearing be closed. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Ted Jendzejec seconded by Richard Sanetti that Class B Ltd. license is approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

Comprehensive Permit for Low and Moderate Income Housing Ordinance

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Solicitor Sullivan – Towns and cities are required to adopt an ordinance regarding low and moderate income housing. It is a guide for developers coming into town. This will control the developers/development and there are rules to follow. Our affordable housing plan is yet to see another revision from the state. This is a central part of it. I would recommend approval.

No one spoke in favor, no one opposed. Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Ted Jendzejec that public hearing is closed. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Richard Sanetti seconded by Justin Pomfret that ordinance be adopted. All voted Aye. So voted.

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

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Cheryl A. George
Acting Town Clerk