

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Coventry Town Hall Council Chambers
1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI
June 23, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.

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Present: Anthony Colaluca, Justin Pomfret, Frank Hyde, Bruce Thompson

Acting Town Manager Paul Sprague
Town Solicitor Patrick Sullivan

Absent: Kenneth Cloutier

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Invocation led by Councilman
Review of evacuation plan.

President Pomfret presented proclamation from the Town of Coventry and citation from the State of Rhode Island to Janis Jendzejec in honor of her recent retirement and years of service to the Board of Canvassers.

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Anthony Colaluca to approve minutes of the May 19, 2008 Town Council meeting. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to move item J1 - public hearing on Boats and Waterways ordinance to a position before public comment. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Bruce Thompson to rescind boats and waterways ordinance for further study. All voted Aye. So voted.

Councilman Colaluca informed public that there would be a meeting on July 15 at 8:00 p.m. with the Johnson's Pond Civic Association at Coventry Community Center to get input from the association and then to move forward at a later date.

Solicitor Sullivan noted that ordinance would have to be readvertised at a later date if a public hearing is to be held.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Vacca
124 Fairway Drive
Coventry, RI

Mr. Vacca – Suggested adding Quidnick Reservoir and other adjacent waterways to the ordinance as well as Johnson's Pond and Tiogue Lake.

Robert Bennett
Isle of Capri Road
Coventry, RI

Mr. Bennett informed Town Council of the very serious problem at the Hill Farm Road bridge. Kids parking bikes and cars, jumping off the bridge. Submitted pictures to the council; Manager Sprague was instructed to organize meeting with the police chief to discuss this issue and how it may be resolved.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Tax abatements for months of April and May, 2008 in the amount of \$3,193.35
2. Renewal of Peddler license for Michael Grilli dba Scotti's Ice Cream
3. Class F and Dance licenses for Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish Festival on July 18, 19, and 20, 2008
4. Application by Johnson's Pond Civic Association for fireworks license on July 4, 2008
5. Resolution affirming award of contract for marine patrol boat for Police Dept.
6. Resolution approving sewer tie in application for 1075 Main Street
7. Resolution approving sewer tie in application for 445 Fairview Avenue
8. Application for new Sewer Contractor's license for Northwind Trucking, 85 Vaughn Hollow Road, Greene
9. Resolution appointing Col. Ronald DaSilva as Acting Town Manager from July 12 – 19, 2008
10. Resolution authorizing Interim Town Manager to execute document concerning design of the Coventry Greenway
11. Resolution authorizing Interim Town Manager to execute documents regarding transfer of real estate located on Main Street

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Anthony Colaluca to approve Consent Agenda. All voted Aye. So voted.

LICENSES

1. Application by Dennis Colicchio for victualling license for Tommy Ruggeri's Kitchen, 656 Main St.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to approve license. All voted Aye. So voted.

2. Application by Richard Irving of G Tech Corporation, 1372 Main Street for victualling license

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Frank Hyde to approve license. All voted Aye. So voted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ENSUING ACTION

Application for Class B. Ltd and victualling license by Harry Hall, Jr., for Father & Sons Restaurant, 1532 Main Street

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Bruce Thompson to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

No one present. Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Frank Hyde to close public hearing and place this item further down on the agenda before the Executive Session in case applicants are running late. All voted Aye. So voted.

Application of CVE Restaurant, dba Lena's Place, 435 Washington Street to change class of liquor license from B Ltd license to B license

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Anthony Colaluca to close public hearing because applicant not present. Motion by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to place on agenda before executive session in case applicants are running late. All voted Aye. So voted.

Application by Edith Therrien, 17 Sandy Bottom Inc. dba the Sandy Bottom for mechanical and electronic device license (mechanical bull)

President Pomfret recused himself from this vote as he performs at the Sandy Bottom.

Present: Edith Therrien
20 Johnson Blvd.
Coventry, RI

Ms. Therrien stated that she has applied to operate a mechanical bull at her establishment. She has met the guidelines, is well within the limits including clearance to ceiling and has a 16 x 16 air mattress surrounding the bull. There will be no cost to ride the bull.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Anthony Colaluca to close public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Anthony Colaluca to approve license. All voted Aye. So voted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Zoning Ordinance, AP 55, Lot 77, 614 Washington Street from I-2 to Mill Conversion District

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to advertise for public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ENSUING ACTION

1. Application for Class B. Ltd and victualling license by Harry Hall, Jr., for Father & Sons Restaurant, 1532 Main Street

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Frank Hyde to table to July 28 since applicant not present. All voted Aye. So voted.

2. Application of CVE Restaurant, dba Lena's Place, 435 Washington Street to change class of liquor license from B Ltd license to B license

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Anthony Colaluca to table to July 28, 2008 because applicant not present. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Anthony Colaluca to move public forum before Executive Session. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to take items J2 and J3 off the table as applicants arrived late. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to open public hearing for Class B. Ltd and victualling license by Harry Hall, Jr., for Father & Sons Restaurant, 1532 Main Street. All voted Aye. So voted.

Present: Harry Hall, Jr.
Harry Hall, III
7 Congdon Street
Coventry, RI

Jeannette Hartley - Opposed to a liquor license at that location, not opposed to these people, the Halls. It's the present owner of the premises, need to make sure to keep him in line.

President Pomfret suggested 90 day review; then if any problems arise revoke the license. But, for now would get them a 90 day license to get going.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to close public hearing. All voted aye. So voted.

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Frank Hyde to abide by same stipulations as previous owner and also approve with 90 day review including readvertisement. Stipulations:

1. If corporation, Board of Directors, Shareholders, Officers or Owners change, the B Ltd. License is revoked.
2. B Ltd. License is non-transferable.
3. No transfer allowed of any assets to a third party.
4. No alcohol served after 9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday. No alcohol served after 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.
5. No live entertainment license
6. No alcohol outside

All voted Aye. So voted.

Application of CVE Restaurant, dba Lena's Place, 435 Washington Street to change class of liquor license from B Ltd license to B license.

Attorney Timothy Williamson
1193 Inman and Tourgee
Tiogue Avenue
Coventry, RI

Attorney Williamson represented Lena's Place.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Bruce Thompson to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

In April 2006, my client was granted a B Ltd. License. They want to go to a full B. they have been good tenants and good business citizens in the Town of Coventry.

No public comment for or against application.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Anthony Colaluca to close public hearing. All voted aye. So voted.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Anthony Colaluca to approve license. All voted aye. So voted.

Public Forum

President Pomfret invited anyone who would like to address the Town Council on any issues to come forward at this time.

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Anthony Colaluca to go into Executive Session. All voted aye. So voted. Roll call vote. 4-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) (5)

- Pertaining to Litigation:

1. Interstate Options v Town of Coventry KC 02-303
2. DEM v Town of Coventry 05-346 ML
3. Commerce Park Associates 1 LLC v Town of Coventry
Sewer Assessment Board of Review et al CA 08-262

- Pertaining to the acquisition or lease of real property

1. Rhodes Technologies

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Frank Hyde to come out of executive session. All voted aye. So voted.

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Frank Hyde to seal minutes of Executive Session. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Frank Hyde to adjourn Town Council meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Town Clerk