

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Coventry Town Hall Council Chambers  
1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI  
July 6, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. Section 42-46-5 (a) (1)  
Discussion regarding selection of Town Manager

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Laura Flanagan to go into Executive Session. All voted Aye.

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Laura Flanagan to adjourn Executive Session, seal minutes and return to regular council meeting. All voted Aye.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Raymond Spear, Glen Shibley, Laura Flanagan, Ken Cloutier

Interim Town Manager Paul Sprague  
Town Solicitor Patrick Rogers absent; Attorney John Anderson present

Absent: Frank Hyde

Invocation by Pastor Robert Auld of Summit Baptist Church  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Review of evacuation plan

President's Comments

President Spear thanked the community for their support regarding the establishment of the budget for the new fiscal year.

Mr. Charles Vacca presented Town Council with a plaque, on behalf of the Western Rhode Island Historical Society, in honor of the dedication of a Liberty Tree.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Laura Flanagan to approve Town Council minutes of May 18, 2009 and June 8, 2009. All voted Aye.

Selection of Town Manager

Thomas Hoover of Royal Oak, Michigan was introduced as Coventry's new Town Manager. Motion was made by Glen Shibley seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to approve and ratify Mr. Hoover's agreement with the Town of Coventry. Mr. Hoover begins his employment with the town on July 20, 2009.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Tax abatements for month of April, 2009 in the amount of \$38,011.16 and May, 2009 in the amount of \$3,890.83
2. Renewal of Peddler licenses:
  - a. Michael A. Rodrigues dba Mike's Ice
  - b. Pelagis Ice Cream
  - c. GJ's Lemonade & Ice Cream
  - d. Papa's Hot Dogs
3. Renewal of Auto Salvage license by David A. Carlos dba A. Carlos & Sons
4. Resolution allowing T. Miozzi, Inc. to temporarily operate (1) asphalt plant at 75 Airport Road
5. Resolution reappointing members to the Municipal Pension Board of Trustees
6. Resolution reappointing members to the Library Board of Trustees
7. Resolution appointing members to the Zoning Board of Review

8. Resolution appointing members to the Coventry Housing Authority
9. Resolution approving sewer tie-in at 730-732 Washington Street
10. Resolution approving sewer tie-in at 282 Pulaski Street
11. Resolution awarding contract for catch basin cleaning
12. Resolution awarding contract for Coventry Care Center Roof Repair and Skylight Rehabilitation
- 12(a). Resolution awarding contract for Cargo Van and Pickup Truck for Parks & Recreation
13. Application for perpetual care of Lot 28, Maple Root Cemetery
14. Application by Fr. Amaral for Class F and Dance license for Our Lady of Czenstochowa Parish Festival on July 17, 18, and July 19, 2009

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Glen Shibley to remove Items #5, #6, #7 and #8 from consent agenda. All voted Aye.

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Laura Flanagan to remove Items #11 and #12a for discussion. All voted Aye.

Motion made by Ken Cloutier seconded by Glen Shibley to approve Items #1, #2, #3, #4, #9, #10, #12, #13 and #14. All voted Aye.

With regard to appointment resolutions, Mrs. Flanagan noted that the Town Council should play more of a role in the process and in reviewing and wants to see more information regarding applicants in order to be better informed in decisions. Mr. Cloutier agreed that he would like to see more information also.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Glen Shibley to table appointments to next council meeting. All voted Aye.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Glen Shibley to table resolution regarding catch basin cleaning to July 27, 2009 Town Council meeting in order to check on the price noted on the bid form due to the big difference in bid prices submitted between the two bidders. All voted Aye.

After being questioned regarding the need for a van and pickup truck, Mr. Lefebvre explained that this was appropriated in the 2007-2008 budget, one of the current vehicles is off the road completely and he doesn't feel the other will pass inspection next year.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Ken Cloutier to approve resolution regarding purchase of cargo van and pickup truck for Parks and Recreation. All voted Aye.

## LICENSES

1. Application by Firehouse Grill for new 90 day peddler license

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Glen Shibley to approve 90 day peddler license. All voted Aye.

2. Application by Veterans Market, 182 Arnold Road for new victualling license

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Laura Flanagan to approve victualling license pending the approval of the zoning officer regarding compliance with the town ordinances regarding signs. All voted Aye.

Resident Ron Gizzarrelli spoke in support of Veterans' Market, noting that the market has been a neighborhood market for the last 40-50 years, and he believes that they should be able to put signs for "specials" outside if they're running specials.

3. Application for Liveshow Entertainment license by Applebee's Neighborhood Grille Bar, 830 Centre of New England Blvd.

Mr. Paul Bastow of Applebees was present and stated that Applebees plans to offer Karaoke after 9:00 p.m. one day a week in the lounge area. Would be Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday and remain the same day each week. Open till about midnight during the week.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Glen Shibley to approve liveshow license. All voted Aye.

4. Application by Steven C. Day of Indigo Realty, LLC for Class B license with Victualling, 599 Tiogue Avenue

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to approve Class B with victualling license. All voted Aye. Mr. Day noted that he could hold about 80 people at the most. Will be open until about 11 p.m. to begin with. Mr. Day has worked in the restaurant business for 13 years. His sister, Mary Day, was also present and stated that she owns PJ's diner across the street and will be helping her brother run Indigo Lounge. Ms. Day further stated that the daycare center next door to Indigo Lounge closes at 5 p.m. and there will be no impact on it.

5. Application by Michelle R. Brown of Rose's Kitchen & Deli, LLC for Victualling license at 1030 Tiogue Avenue (formerly Spike's)

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Laura Flanagan to approve victualling license. All voted Aye.

6. Renewal of Class B and victualling license for Zelly's Restaurant, 2260 Flat River Road, due to 90 day license review

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to approve Class B with Victualling license until November 30, 2009. All voted Aye.

7. Application by United LLC/ Coventry Shell, 642 Washington Street, for Filling Station and Victualling licenses

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Laura Flanagan to approve filling station and victualling licenses. All voted Aye.

## PUBLIC HEARING AND ENSUING ACTION

### Sewer Ordinance

Chairman Bill Hall of the Sewer Subcommittee suggested a correction in terminology pertaining to Section 14.4.2 and 14.5.3 regarding condos. The intent in those paragraphs was "commercial" condos. Mr. Hall suggests adding the word "commercial" for clarification.

Solicitor Anderson stated that it is clear as written.

Nick Cambio, 207 Quaker Lane, West Warwick had questions pertaining to ordinance and language. Attorney Anderson stated that the language he refers to is existing language and nothing has changed. Further, since Mr. Cambio is currently in litigation with the Town, it is not appropriate for him to discuss the sewer ordinance and he was asked to sit down.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to adopt ordinance. All voted Aye.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

### Vehicles and Traffic

Colonel DaSilva spoke in support of this ordinance noting that it will increase parking violation fines, haven't been changed in years. Manager Sprague also noted that this would keep in line with the state law also. Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Glen Shibley to approve first reading of the ordinance. All voted Aye.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Paul, 181 Colvintown Road spoke with regard to the Annina Sand and Gravel operation at 180 Colvintown Road, stating that they don't have a permit and the town is allowing blasting. Asked that the town check into what's going on there, seems to be a mining operation. Further believe they are in contempt of a court order regarding cleanup. Kids have been riding dirt bikes in that area, presenting a safety issue also. Councilwoman Flanagan asked Mr. Sprague to set up a meeting with Ms. Paul later this week.

Ron Gizzarrelli expressed concern regarding the traffic at Arnold Road near Subway with regard to taking a right turn from Tiogue Avenue onto Arnold Road. Councilwoman Flanagan responded that the Council will look into it.

Denise DeGraide, 27 Linwood Drive asked if there is a right turn on red going from S. Main onto 117. Colonel DaSilva stated yes.

President Spear asked why there is a light at the plaza on Route 3 where there are no stores. Colonel DaSilva said it is a State road and falls under DOT. Bill Hall added that without the light, there were a significant number of accidents. Since the light has been operational again, accidents have dropped off to almost zero.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Ken Cloutier to adjourn meeting. All voted Aye.

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Town Clerk