

Town Council Meeting
August 19, 2013

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 PM

Present: President Gary Cote, Vice-President Kerry McGee, Councilman Jendzejec, Councilwoman Carlson, Councilman Laboissonniere

Town Manager Thomas Hoover, Town Solicitor Frederick Tobin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Invocation by Councilwoman Carlson
Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan
President's Comments

President Cote announced that Edouard Jacques, a member of our community as well as a veteran of World War 2, passed away last week. He asked that Mr. Jacques and his family be remembered in citizens' thoughts and prayers.

Approval of Town Council minutes July 22, 2013

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve minutes. Vote taken: 4 – Aye; 1 – Abstain (President Cote was absent from the July 22 meeting).

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chairwoman Kathy Patenaude reported that the School Department is still working on its strategic plan, which should be completed by the end of September. School construction is progressing as scheduled and schools will open at the end of the month.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discussion and resulting action on tax abatements and additions for July 2013
2. Discussion and resulting action on application by Indian Trail Association for fireworks permit at 47 Indian Trail on September 1, 2013, rain date September 2, 2013
3. Discussion and resulting action on application by John Guisti for fireworks permit at Paine Field for August 25, 2013
4. Discussion and resulting action on application by Western RI Civic Historical Association for Class F license at Paine House, 7 Station Street on September 27, 2013

At Manager Hoover's request, a motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Vice-President McGee to table Item 3 on Consent Agenda. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to approve items 1, 2 and 4 on Consent Agenda. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Discussion and resulting action on appointing Charles Vacca, Carl Mattson, Mark Gardner, Andrew Boisvert, Norma Smith and Sandy Lukowicz to the Historic District Commission

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to approve appointments. All voted Aye.

2. Discussion and resulting action on appointing Lynn Andrews and Charles Goss to the Friends of Human Services Board

Motion made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve appointments. All voted Aye.

3. Discussion and resulting action on authorizing a onetime donation to the Coventry Dog Park Association of \$5,000

Councilman Jendzejec stated that this one-time donation would help kick start the dog park association's project. Such a gesture would not only begin their fund raising drive, but help instill community pride in Coventry.

Lisa Finneran, President of the Dog Park Association, advised that the cost of the park will be anywhere from \$15,000 to \$17,000; the fencing cost alone is \$7,000. If the town does not see fit to donate \$5,000, the association would still be happy to take less. The goal is to get the park open in time for spring and a \$5,000 donation would almost pay one third of our costs.

Although Vice-President McGee is in favor of the dog park, he does not feel that the town is in a financial position to make such a donation until the town's own affairs are in order. He added that the town has already provided property for use of the park.

President Cote is also in favor of the dog park, but agrees with Vice-President McGee, the town has just raised peoples' taxes 3.5%, is currently in negotiations with our unions asking them to take no raises, and working on other things to help make ends meet. Town Council members offered to help where they could with any fund raising events for the dog park.

Councilman Jendzejec made a motion to approve resolution, no second, motion fails.

4. Discussion and resulting action on the addition to the general contract of Ahlborg Construction as part of the current School Bonds Construction Project at the Coventry High School

School Building Committee member, Tom Hetherman, requested Council's approval of some additions to the project. The roof decking is bad at Tiogue with essentially 4,780 square feet that needs to be replaced. Basically we need approval for an additional amount "not to exceed" \$96,640. We should come in about \$180,000 under on the whole budget; we will not be violating any bond covenants. This falls within the overages and contingency fund. Finance Director Przybyla agrees.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to authorize a payment not to exceed \$96,640 for roof deck replacement as indicated by the architect. All voted Aye.

5. Discussion and resulting action on the annual support and licensing for the Police Department reporting and computer aided dispatch systems from TriTech Software Systems of Marlborough, MA at a cost of \$14,700

Chief Volpe advised that this is the software for reporting and computer aided dispatch systems. With the exceptions of Providence and Block Island, all the police in the State use this software and can share each other's data. This company has done well by us and funding comes from our yearly budget.

Motion made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Vice-President McGee to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

6. Discussion and resulting action on the purchase of two Dodge Charger LX police pursuit patrol vehicles from Central Dodge of Raynham, MA at a cost of \$60,793.78

Chief Volpe reported that no Rhode Island dealerships bid on the cars and Central Dodge of Massachusetts was low bidder. Funding for these two vehicles will come from the current operating budget and the revised CIP. We will come in about \$6,000 under budget from what was allocated and are very happy about that.

A motion was made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

7. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of a three year contract to Markings Inc. of Pembroke, MA for providing pavement and crosswalk markings to the Department of Public Works at costs as shown on the attached document

Manager Hoover advised that the next ten items are awarded annually, but this year I recommend that we go to three year contracts. If there is a problem with any of the three year contracts, they can be cancelled by giving a 60-90 day notice.

Chuck Smith of the Department of Public Works answered questions from council members with regard to striping. A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by

Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

8. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of a three year contract to Coventry Pest Control for all Town buildings and on Town property at a cost as shown on the attached document

Mr. Smith of DPW advised that they have used this company before, they did a good job and gave us the best price. A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

9. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of three year contracts to S. B. Carbone Plumbing and Heating Co. of Cranston, RI and Dave Parillo Plumbing LLC of Scituate, RI for providing regular and emergency repair work to the Town of Coventry at a cost as shown on the attached document

Councilwoman Carlson commented that we don't seem to get many bidders. Manager Hoover explained that we advertise as required by law, and also place bid requests on the town website and notify companies that do the type of work requested. We have received two plumbing bids and recommend approving both. We always go to the low bidder in an emergency situation if that company is available, if they are not available, then we have a backup.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution. All voted aye.

10. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of a three year contract to Lincoln Energy Mechanical Services of West Warwick, RI for heating, ventilating and air conditioning services at a cost of \$97.00 / hr

Manager Hoover commented that Lincoln Energy was the only bidder and we have been using them for our emergency work for years. A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

11. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of three year contracts to Lev Electric of West Greenwich, RI, Miller Electric of West Warwick, RI and Airhart Electric of Coventry, RI for providing regular and emergency repair work to the Town of Coventry at costs as shown on the attached document

A motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

12. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of three year contracts to Rambone Disposal of Johnston, RI, RT Nunes of West Warwick, RI, Walter E. Reynolds of Coventry, RI, Langford Brothers of West Greenwich, RI and N. Chapdelaine Excavating of Coventry, RI for emergency equipment rental at costs as shown on the attached document

Manager Hoover stated that these rental services are predominantly for winter emergencies such as snow removal or flooding situations such as in 2010. It is more economical to hire heavy equipment only when needed

Motion made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution All voted Aye.

13. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of three year contracts for providing hot patch and cold patch asphalt materials to Johnston Asphalt, Cardi Corporation of Warwick, RI, Pasteryak Asphalt of Coventry, RI and T. Miozzi Asphalt of Coventry, RI at costs as shown on the attached document

Manager Hoover noted that low bidders were Miozzi and Pasteryak. Councilwoman Carlson doesn't believe the town should enter into a contract with Miozzi, due to litigation with the town. Councilman Jendzejec agrees, and added that you also have to look at the character and reputation of the bidders, not only the price. He is not comfortable giving these contracts out to Miozzi and Pasteryak.

Solicitor Tobin indicated that you look at the most responsible bidder, per price. There was a consent judgment regarding Pasteryak, that is complete, and he agreed to follow the new ordinance. As far as the Miozzi situation, nothing has transpired other than a conference with the court that basically indicated some differences of opinion with regard to the language in

the ordinance. I believe there was one ticket that was issued for violation of the new ordinance, but nothing has gone any further with respect to that litigation.

Manager Hoover added that from his standpoint we are following the law with regard to bidding. If we use a local company, it becomes a more efficient operation by eliminating travel time to other towns and possibly a long wait in line. We looked solely at the public works standpoint and for the most efficient manner. Manager Hoover recommends awarding to all of these companies. Mr. Smith of DPW further stated that these products have a "life" which depends a lot on the temperatures outside. Time can be an important factor and DPW does not run heated truck bodies.

Solicitor Tobin read Charter section 10.23 regarding bidding procedure.. "All such purchases or such contracts, for more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, except that the purchasing authority may be directed by the Town Council to reject any and all bids and then to re-advertise for bids. Bids, specifications, and all other factors being equal, preference shall be given to the bidder whose place of business is located in the Town of Coventry."

The town doesn't have any issues as far as Municipal Court with any of these companies. If they are responsible, then you do accept them.

President Cote asked why anyone would want to disqualify a Coventry company that pays taxes in Coventry and Councilwoman Carlson feels that we should consider other contractors who do not have outstanding litigation for the Town of Coventry and she feels that makes a big difference.

Vice-President McGee suggested awarding to all of them, which would let us choose who to use.

Councilman Jendzejec asked if any summons had been issued. Chief Volpe responded that there was one recently pertaining to a Sunday operation, but I don't have the disposition on that. Solicitor Tobin replied that is coming up in Municipal Court on August 28.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution. Vote taken: 3 Aye, 2 against (Ted and Karen voted against). Motion passes.

14. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of three year contracts for providing stone, gravel and screened loam to G. Lopes of Taunton, MA and Walter E. Reynolds of Coventry, RI at costs as shown on the attached document

Manager Hoover stated two bids were received and he recommended awarding them both. A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve resolution. All voted aye.

15. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of three year contracts for providing winter sand to Koszela Inc of Coventry, RI and Walter E. Reynolds of Coventry, RI at costs as shown on the attached document

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Vice-President McGee to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

16. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of three year contracts for providing HD polyester pipe and tubing to EJ Prescott Inc of Lincoln, RI and Warwick Winwater Company at costs as shown on the attached document

A motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

17. Discussion and resulting action regarding the award of a three year contract for catch basin cleaning to Truax Corporation of Plainville, MA at a cost as shown on the attached document

Manager Hoover commented that we did not receive any bids for catch basin cleaning, so he recommended that we continue with the company that we have been using. We have been happy with them and they do a good job.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve resolution. All voted aye.

18. Discussion and resulting action regarding authorizing the Town Manager to enter into easement relocation agreements with Narragansett Electric and Verizon New England Inc at Blackrock Elementary School

Solicitor Tobin explained that he has spoken with the School Dept. attorney in regard to the need for the easement relocation agreement because Blackrock School is redoing their parking lot and there is a telephone pole in the way. In order to move it, they need the authority of the school department and they also need the approval of the Town Council, because technically the town owns the property. We have received the proposed easement agreement with a map designating where the pole is coming from and going to. This is a good idea and I recommend approval.

Motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution. All voted aye.

19. Discussion and resulting action regarding the minimum amount of sewer usage billing

Finance Director Ted Przybyla advised that currently, new buildings/construction won't receive sewer bills for this year. This resolution would allow us to bill this year. This is only for new buildings with new meters and only affects three residences at this time. This bill allows us to bill them this year in September, and if we are "off" on the estimate, we will either pay them back or credit them for the overage.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution. All voted Aye.

LICENSES

1. Discussion and resulting action regarding the application by 863 Sushi Corp. at 710 Centre of New England Blvd. for new victualling license

Amy Choven of Warwick, RI represented 863 Sushi Corporation and stated that the Sushi restaurant will be located at 710 Centre of New England Blvd and at this point, would be mostly take-out food.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve resolution with the stipulations that a food manager's certificate and approval from the State Board of Health is submitted to the Town Clerk's Office before issuance. All voted aye.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

Discussion and resulting action regarding the Town Council, acting as the Liquor Control Board, to consider restoring the Class B license (with victualling) of Sun Lee Enterprises, Inc., 856 Tiogue Avenue

Manager Hoover advised that after many months Mai Tai has finally submitted their letter of good standing. Up until receipt of the letter from the State of RI, they were unable to serve liquor at their establishment. The State has finally cleared them with approval through November 30, 2013. I was informed by Solicitor Tobin that we should bring this before Council and I recommend approval of this matter.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to open public hearing. All voted aye.

Mr. Nicholas Parente of West Greenwich was sworn in by Solicitor Tobin. Mr. Parente stated Mai Tai has borrowed money from him, but repayment checks in the amount of over \$27,000 have bounded.

Solicitor Tobin advised that since this is personal debt owed via a mortgage or loan, it becomes a private matter between Mr. Parente and Mai Tai and not a matter for the Town Council. He urged Mr. Parente to hire an attorney as the Town Council does not have authority over personal debt.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Jendzejec to close public hearing. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Vice-President McGee to approve issuance of license. All voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Discussion and resulting action regarding the transfer of Class A liquor license from Shoppers Liquors, Inc., 1142 Main Street to Main Street Liquors LLC dba Shopper's Liquors

The Town Council was advised by the clerk that the attorneys involved in this matter have requested a continuation to September 23, 2013 in order to resolve financial commitments. A motion was made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Vice-President McGee to table at this time. All voted Aye.

2. Discussion and resulting action Amending Chapter 175 – 6 of the Ordinances of the Town of Coventry, entitled Parks and Recreation Areas, Park Regulations, Animals, prohibiting animals on Town beaches during summer

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to open public hearing. All voted aye.

Parks and Recreation Director Guy Lefebvre said this is an issue that has plagued us for a number of years regarding the need to bring people into compliance with regard to animals that are untethered on the beaches. Recently a patron was very uncomfortable with an unleashed animal on the beach; however the owner didn't feel that he had to tether his animal. There needs to be compliance with leash laws. This ordinance would address dates between May 1 through September 30 for two town beaches.

Councilman Jendzejec feels that there needs to be a fine, otherwise the ordinance has no "teeth". He suggested amending the ordinance to include a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense (which would be put into a restricted account for the dog park association); \$50.00 for each subsequent offense, (with \$25.00 of that fee also going to the dog park association). Municipal Court would collect their court costs. The Police Department will issue the fines, to be adjudicated by our Municipal Court.

Ken Jackson, 2799 Harkney Hill Road, thinks the money from fines should be given to the Parks and Recreation Department, not to a private corporation such as the dog park association. Every private corporation will be looking for a piece of the action. He commented that the town has already given them the land for the dog park. President Cote pointed out that the town owns that land, it was provided to the dog park association for their use and they will have to provide insurance for the park.

Ron Gizzarelli, 50 Harrington Road, is in favor of this ordinance and believes that a fine will act as a deterrent.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to close public hearing. All voted Aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Vice-President McGee to approve ordinance as amended. All voted Aye.

ORDINANCES for advertisement

1. Amending the Ordinances of the Town of Coventry so as to limit the hours of operation of heavy equipment and/or machinery within the Town

Councilman Jendzejec advised that this ordinance is basically an amendment to an ordinance that we already passed earlier in the year and is just for first reading and a vote for advertisement. There is no vote on the amendment tonight.

Councilman Laboissonniere asked what is different about the amendment. Manager Hoover explained that this ordinance was written so that it would not affect businesses like Rhodes Technologies, Stop and Shop (night deliveries), Cumberland Farms, for example, with gas deliveries.

President Cote remarked that this proposed ordinance is geared toward the businesses in the Industrial Park on Airport Road. Vice-President McGee feels this will inhibit business from coming into town, put the tax burden on homeowners, and for the record, he is not going to be part of chasing business out of this town. Councilman Jendzejec responded that this is geared toward anyone within 1,000 feet of a residential area. We have a right to regulate business within our town boundaries, and that's what our job is.

Councilman Laboissonniere wanted to clarify that the only change here relates to heavy equipment or machinery. Planning Director Paul Sprague explained that the original ordinance presented involved ALL manufacturing equipment, so that also would have involved businesses like Stop and Shop deliveries, gas deliveries to gas stations, milk deliveries to places like Cumberland Farms, etc. President Cote again commented that he feels this amendment only applies to those three plants on Reservoir Road. He pointed out that the ordinance does not state that our town garbage trucks can't go out at 6 a.m., as they do in the summer and feels that this is only a back door way around the last ordinance, geared toward the three businesses at the end of Airport Rd.

Councilman Jendzejec disagreed, stating that you can call it whatever you like, but the purpose is regulating business in this town.

Solicitor Tobin further explained that Councilman Jendzejec brought forth two ordinances about three months ago, one of which dealt with hours of operation, and that ordinance was approved. The other one dealt with noise levels of certain businesses, Council referred it to Planning for a recommendation and apparently Planning did not recommend approval. Tonight's amendment was proposed by Councilman Jendzejec in place of the other one.

Planning Director Paul Sprague further explained that the Planning Commission did not approve the ordinance because they thought it would have an adverse affect on all business, for example it would involve Boston Scientific, Arkwright, Seaside and a myriad of businesses.

Further discussion ensued with regard to fines, whether other towns in Rhode Island have heavy equipment machinery ordinances, and Councilman Jendzejec would like research to see what other towns do.

A motion was made by Councilman Jendzejec seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve for advertising. Vote taken: Councilman Jendzejec and Councilwoman Carlson vote Aye; Vice-President McGee, Councilman Laboissonniere and President Cote vote No. Motion fails.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Baird, Plainfield Pike, stated that he has been running a business in town for 26 ½ years. To invite business to town, you have to work with businesses.

If you have Industrial property that's been operating for years, don't try to shut it down by changing hours of operation. You are not preventing Stop and Shop from operating their 24 hours business, or other places on Tiogue Avenue where they are open till 1 a.m. serving hamburgers. I have in excess of 40 people who work for me. I don't have another place to run my business. I bought the property in this town because it is industrial and I do not have a neighbor issue.

There has been a rock crushing operation at the end of Reservoir Road since about 1935, two asphalt plants and two tree services. I have no zoning violations and want to move my business to the end of Reservoir Road simply because I need a bigger place, can expand and hire more people.

If you want to do good things for this town, come and talk to us, the business owners, about what we would like to do. Not one person has come to talk to me. I will work with you, but can't do that if you won't talk to me. Don't shut me out of town because of personal vendettas.

Councilman Jendzejec responded that this is not a personal vendetta. If there has been a mix-up, it is by the town for allowing an industrial park next to a neighborhood, or vice versa, something that we are trying to control. It needs to be regulated so that we can all live together. I would be glad to sit and talk to you, and I have tried that with Mr. Miozzi, but he was less than receptive.

Mr. Baird replied that he should not have to come before Council to defend the hours of operation of his business. When Mr. Sprague asked me to move my wood pile because it was too close to the street, I moved it the next day. Mr. Sprague is an asset to the town, he talks to you. This town doesn't have much industrial property, this particular property was for sale for a long time, I bought it, now I have the burden of going to planning and zoning. Warwick Tree bought property on Arnold Road and Tree Pro got permission without going to the Planning or Zoning Boards. I have invested \$9,000 in Planning and Zoning with site plan reviews, etc., and I was still denied.

Ron Gizzarelli, 50 Harrington Road, feels there has to be an understanding between business and residents. They have to be able to live with each other. The town needs a public relations person, but you need to sit down and resolve problems.

As far as the dog park, the town should make the donation, we need a dog park.

With regard to the DPW contracts, such as catch basin cleaning, maybe the town should look into hiring a couple of entry level employees rather than subcontracting. Could save money in the long run.

Ken Jackson, 2799 Harkney Hill Road, asked Manager Hoover if he had come to a decision yet with regard to Mr. Jackson's offer of a systems review for the town. Manager Hoover hopes to have an answer for Mr. Jackson within a week.

When he asked why no progress has been made yet with naming a Charter Review Commission, President Cote responded that the town is currently taking applications, has sent out letters to both political parties looking for candidates as well advertising in the newspaper and posting on the town website. Hopefully Charter Review appointments will be on the next Town Council agenda.

Mr. Jackson feels that Town Council minutes are not being promptly posted on the town website.

He asked if any council member works for or has relatives who work for any of the companies that had contracts passed tonight. The answer was no.

He commented that Pastryak Asphalt does most of their business and hauling to Connecticut, yet makes noise and pollutes in Coventry. Mr. Jackson feels the Council should keep track of where Mr. Pastryak does his business and President Cote responded that where he hauls is not our concern.

Mr. Jackson mentioned that he has received complaints regarding Mr. Miozzi's property on Town Farm Road, winding up his trucks in the morning. Those big 10 wheelers make a lot of noise. Manager Hoover responded that if he is referring to the gravel bank, Mr. Miozzi doesn't own that anymore.

Mr. Jackson questioned Mr. Hoover about raises given to people in the Town Manager's office; Manager Hoover replied that no one in his office received any raises.

Tammy Duxbury, Orchid Trail, asked that if CASE were to call each member of the Town Council to help us raise funds, such as with the dog park, would you do a fund raiser with us too? Vice-President McGee replied that if CASE is about chasing people out of town, he would not be a part of it.

Ms. Duxbury stated that we are here about keeping our residences livable. This is my final appeal to Council. Although you have zoning regulations in place, as communities evolve, ordinances have to change. In January of 1999 Johnston went to court against Pezza asphalt. As a result, the plant was shut down.

In October of 2002, North Kingstown successfully defended its' decision to remove a permit Mr. Miozzi held, citing watershed concerns.

In May of 2006, Block Island rejected Miozzi's temporary asphalt plant. The Town Council was going to allow the portable plant, but residents said no, and Miozzi found a way to keep the asphalt hot and ship it to Block Island.

In June of 2013 the town of Westerly sided with its' residents with regard to placing a proposed asphalt plant on top of their aquifer.

All of these towns recognized that they erred in the beginning. Towns have evolved, reviewed situations, and decided that changes needed to occur. I'm not here to drive business out, but to make Coventry a happy place to live, so that people will stay and patronize the businesses here.

I obtained a memo from June 2007 in which our Zoning Officer wrote to Solicitor Scott Hammer, questioning whether the second asphalt plant should be allowed to operate. Mr. Peabody, the zoning officer, was trying to arrive at the correct decision as he was asking Solicitor Hammer what the next step would be.

Ms. Duxbury noted that originally there was a cold patch plant at that location, which has evolved into two hot mix asphalt plants. She questioned the evidence, that there were never two plants going as far back as the 70's. She believes there was one cold patch plant, with no heat and no smell, that evolved into two fully operational hot mix asphalt plants on that property, on top of an aquifer and on a road that has one way in and one way out, with a school and no fire hydrants.

The Coventry Zoning Board is recognizing the sensitivity of that property. They rejected Mr. Baird's operation, but I learned that the pond that is on his site is groundwater that intercepts the surface. I want you to understand that is a direct link to the aquifer that supplies 20% of our drinking water. There is a severe adverse impact to our aquifer, ground water and people that live there. This cannot be extended without a special use permit and we gave them a special use permit. Something needs to be corrected here, you are not in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan at 75 Airport Road.

She questioned the non-conforming use of Mr. Miozzi, since it had been abandoned for more than one year and would like the Town Council to go back and review the evidence. We have a new solicitor, new Town Council and would like you to ask the solicitor to consider our research, go back and look at things and if warranted, revoke the special use permits for both plants. Also, there is excessive truck traffic on that road, and we want improvement of the road and sidewalks. I respectfully request that you review the situation.

Ron Gizzarelli thinks each side is sincere and that people should be allowed to speak on some of these issues before Council votes. If Council does not make informed decisions, then they are not proper decisions.

Charlotte Porter, stated that she lives in a mobile home park, not a trailer park. She doesn't like the way she is treated and can smell the asphalt plants.

Ms. Duxbury suggested that Council have public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to adjourn meeting. All voted aye.

Town Clerk