

Town Council Meeting  
August 24, 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION -6:00 PM

- A. For the purpose of discussing matters of litigation as per RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)  
Whitetail Estates
- B. For the purpose of discussing matters of a personnel confidential nature as per  
RIGL 42-46-5(a) (1)
  - 1. Engagement of a search firm to recruit a new Town Manager
  - 2. Discussion of contractual terms for Interim Town Manager
  - 3. Membership on a Charter Review Commission

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 PM

Present: President Shibley, Councilwoman Duxbury, Councilman Laboissonniere, Councilman McGee, Vice-President Carlson, Town Manager Thomas Hoover, Town Solicitor Nicholas Gorham.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to come out of executive session. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to seal minutes of Executive Session. All voted aye.

Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation by Manager Hoover  
Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan

President's Comments

President Shibley commented that the First Annual Car Show, held on August 8 at the Town Hall, was a huge success and he thanked the many people who volunteered their time to make it a success.

A recent article appeared in the August 15 edition of EPA on browns fields, and this particular article talked about a specific success story, a former dumping ground in Coventry, Rhode Island. The article attributed a lot to the late Guy Lefebvre and his work turning Sandy Bottom Road into a park and protecting the wildlife. It was quite a tribute.

He went on to congratulate the Warwick North Little League Softball Team as they made it to the finals, noting two local students on the team, Sierra Ricci from Coventry along with a West Warwick resident.

Lastly, President Shibley announced that he received a letter of resignation on August 12, 2015 from Town Manager Hoover. Mr. Hoover was presented with a proclamation and key to the city from the Town Council this evening along with citations from both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Representatives Nardolillo, Roberts, Serpa and Senator Kettle presented citations.

Approval of Town Council minutes July 27, 2015

Vice-President Carlson referred to page 5 of the July 27 minutes, where a motion was made to advertise the wind turbine ordinance for public hearing. She stated that the motion should have included the words "three times" with regard to the advertisement. She then made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury, amending the motion of July 27, to include the words "three times" in reference to the advertisement of the wind turbine ordinance. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to approve minutes as amended. All voted Aye.

## COUNCIL DISTRICT UPDATES

Councilman McGee, District 3, commended DPW for their preparation and hard work during the recent storm. District 3 was hit hard during the storm; he received no complaints from residents in his district. DPW did a great job.

Councilwoman Duxbury, District 5, had nothing to report at this time from her district.

Vice-President Carlson, District 1, was pleased with the success of the first annual car show, held on August 8. She thanked everyone involved who volunteered their time, including the Department of Public Works, Mark Robitaille, Pat Shurtleff, and Town Hall employees/volunteers who all pulled together to make this a spectacular show. Next year the car show event will be held on August 13, 2016.

In addition, the Celebrate Coventry Committee is planning to publish a cookbook. If you have any questions, would like to submit recipes, etc., this committee is co-chaired by Sandy Lukowicz and Cheryl Wilcox. If you have any questions, Councilwoman can be contacted for their e mails and phone numbers. We are also hoping to do some kind of event for Halloween and Christmas.

Councilman Laboissonniere, District 2, also stated that DPW did a terrific job during the recent storm. There were many dangerous situations along Station Street, where a couple of very large trees went down. The Department of Public Works, as well as National Grid, responded very quickly and did a great job.

President Shibley, District 4, gave an update that Doherty's is still working on their restaurant on Tiogue Avenue, it's coming along, has a very nice appearance. Also, the reinforcement of the Pawtuxet River behind the Anthony Mill lofts is progressing very nicely. Again, kudos to DPW for their hard work during the recent storm, quickly responding as there were several trees down in District 4 also.

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

School Committee member James Pierson announced that the start of school for all students is Wednesday, August 26; teachers began on August 24 with a Professional Development day on August 25. Michael Convery has been appointed Superintendent for this coming school year. Mrs. Alicia Castle, principal at Blackrock is leaving to work at the RI Department of Education for the next year in a grant funded fellowship position. We will conduct interviews this week to select a one year replacement.

The School Department continues to examine data gathered from last year's study on all day kindergarten implementation, with the goal to have actual numbers by late November. The School Committee is reviewing potential bylaw updates in an effort to eliminate redundant policies and lastly the US Air Force has confirmed that if the JROTC program does not meet enrollment regulations of 100 students by October, the unit will be deactivated at the end of the school year. As of August 11, only 69 students were enrolled.

President Shibley read a proclamation recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Coventry

## PUBLIC COMMENT

John Assalone, 3 Sabina Court, asked that the Town Council rejects Mr. Miozzi's bid of \$2.5 million. It is not about money, it is about his conduct, starting his trucks up early at 6:30 a.m. and his total disregard for his neighbors. He has caused severe contamination of property and also contributed to citizens' health issues. He was cited in 2014 by the EPA regarding contaminants and odors. It is insane that you would want to award him a contract.

Attorney John Pagliarini, representing Mr. Miozzi, asked to cross examine people at public comment if they are going to be sworn in and give testimony. He objects for the record. If you are swearing in people for a deposition, then I reserve the right to cross-examine.

Solicitor Gorham indicated that it is their prerogative if they want to be sworn in and give testimony at public comment, but it doesn't carry any more weight whether they do or don't. This is not a deposition.

Sworn in by Carmine Olivieri - Mary Croft, 30 Sandra Circle, lives there only six months out of the year due to the air quality. She resides in Connecticut from April through October, coming back only once a week to get the mail. She can't use the deck or take a walk due to odor and contamination.

Councilman McGee objected to swearing in residents, this is not a courtroom, this is public comment. You should not be swearing people in, this is not a legal proceeding.

President Shibley responded that it is no more effective to be sworn or not to be, as Solicitor Gorham already stated. However, Solicitor Gorham replied that if they want to swear themselves in, although it carries no more impact, you can't tell them what they can and can't do during public comment.

Charlotte Porter, 26 Sandra Circle, commented that she gets no fresh air, she can't open windows, and the asphalt plant operates earlier than they are allowed. Besides the early operations, she is being harassed by the truck drivers going by, beeping their horns and shouting at her. She has taken videos of that situation.

Bob Gagnon, 11 Sandra Circle, moved here to get away from the landfill in Johnson 15 years ago. Four or five years ago, problems started with the trucks, then all of a sudden quality of life and the air we breathe was effected. He urged the council to reject the bid.

Ken Jackson, 2799 Harkney Hill, believes some bid items are way out of whack, for example the flaggers. Everyone else bid between \$20,000 and \$46,000, but Mr. Miozzi bid \$4.00. Maybe you need to look at this bid some more before awarding it to anybody.

Joan Gray, 9 Lisa's Way, moved here eight years ago. She lives close to the asphalt plant and used to have a nice clean spot. A few years later, the awful smell started, and she noticed that she was becoming light headed at times. We weren't told about the asphalt plant when we moved there. Sometimes when she is outside she gets dizzy and nauseous, has to keep the windows closed and has found soot on the house.

Gary Cote, 29 Pettine Street, is employed by T. Miozzi and admitted that he does wave to Mrs. Porter every morning as she is videotaping the trucks that drive by. He waves and says "Good Morning, and will continue to do so every morning that she is there videotaping. Mr. Cote stated that if any of the truck drivers are actually rolling down their window and calling names, then those drivers are absolutely wrong.

Mr. Miozzi comes here tonight with clean hands. He submitted a bid, legally, transparently, and is the lowest qualified bidder. By Charter, the lowest qualified bidder shall be awarded as long as he has clean hands. He performed work for the town before, to everyone's satisfaction. The last thing this town needs is to open itself up for a lawsuit, where we have to continue to pay lawyers. Take that into consideration when you make your decision.

John Ricci, 111 Piggy Lane, commented that he lives in an area where wind turbines are going in. Why has the Town Council approved wind towers before an ordinance for the wind towers goes into effect? I heard that there will be no more turbines after these are done. I have 10.5 acres, why would you stop me from putting them on my property? How did you come up with a number? Maybe you should have started with one, then grant more as you go along. I am disabled, maybe I could use some of that income too.

Donald Skuce, 28 Sandra Circle, also can't open windows, it smells to take a walk. Mr. Miozzi is poisoning his neighbors and doesn't deserve a contract in the Town of Coventry.

Carol Ouellette, 3 Torch Lane, lives in Westwood Estates. Can't sit out on the deck, furniture has dark sooty stuff all over it. We have to leave the air conditioner on all the time, can't breathe outside.

Linda Riendeau, 21 Sandra Circle, has only lived there for a month and was not aware of the asphalt plant when she moved in. She can't sit on her deck, open the windows or take the dogs for walks. She sleeps with the windows closed at night and is wakened in the morning by trucks at 6:30 a.m. Would like the Council to really consider who gets that asphalt bid.

Mike Dodier, Wolfe Court, has lived in Coventry about three years. Up until about a month ago, he didn't know there was an asphalt plant there. I believe in people making a living and in that respect, my point is that the award to Miozzi has nothing to do with the environment. He did win the bid fair and square. I looked at his plant, the trucks are clean, it looked like a great operation to me. I think he deserves the right to have that bid. However, on the other side, I wouldn't want to live right near the plant. If there is an environmental issue, that is an EPA issue.

Tom Miozzi, 66 Steamboat Avenue, North Kingstown stated that he always does a good job

and has always completed his work satisfactorily. As for the bid, we were the lowest qualified bidder. The plant and the neighborhood concerns are two separate issues that should not be grouped together. I am working toward a solution for the neighborhood in that we are trying to relocate the plant. Unfortunately, I did not sit on the planning board and right now we are directly surrounded by a residential neighborhood. It is uncomfortable for both parties. As far as the EPA fine that Mr. Assalone referred to, it was a paperwork, records keeping violation, not a pollution violation and we paid a fine of \$24,000.

Back to the contract, we have performed for the town for the last five years and completed everything as we said we would and for the price we said we would. We are qualified. I employ many people that live in Coventry. I am not guilty of anything but a paperwork violation, not a criminal activity. I stand firm on my innocence, and my constitutional right that I am subjected to due process, innocent until proven guilty.

Robert Lawrence, 26 Darton St., Coventry, submitted a letter that he sent to Attorney General regarding problems with the right of way at Tiogue Lake. One of our homeowners wrote numerous e mails to the Town Council because they couldn't access the property. Mrs. Oneppo has put a picnic table there attached to a chain. Now there is a paddle boat, jet ski and another boat. There is no access to the water. Mrs. Oneppo's attorney said that she was within her rights as far as tying her watercraft to the pier at the right of way. She claims that the picnic table chained to the tree is not hers or her problem. Mr. Lawrence requested that the town Manager directs DPW to remove the table and chain and ask the adjacent homeowner not to tie her watercraft as to block access to the right of way.

Marc O'Gorman, 31 Elton Street, referred to a recent article in the Kent County Daily Times about the right of way at East Shore Drive along with comments made by the property owner, Lori Lanoue, who was given license to maintain a right of way next to East Shore Drive. She stated that Manager Hoover, as per the encroachment letter, indicated that the steps stay. Her lawyer said it is in compliance with ADA. Her statements have been contradicted by Christopher DeGrave, the ADA Coordinator for Accessibility. In his e mail he states that the constructed stairs do not meet the ADA for sizing, spacing or level landing compliance. To officially utilize the stairs, a patron would need to trespass on the property of 83 East Shore Drive. To make this right of way accessible to the public, a pathway would need to be constructed from East Shore Drive to the water's edge, meeting slope, ramp and accessible surface ADA guidelines. He officially referred this complaint to local and state building officials as well as DEM and RI Coastal Management. (E mail filed in Council folder)

He also referred to a pump which is pumping illegally from the lake. However, Ms. Lanoue said she is not pumping from the lake. The Chief Plumbing Inspector from Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training confirmed that the system is drawing water from the lake and the contractor who installed it did not have a permit. The pump is hidden by plantings at the edge of the lake. Mr. O'Gorman requested that Manager Hoover rescind the encroachment agreement and have the sprinkler system along with all encroachments removed

Anthony Baffoni, 299 Hammet Road, has been employed by Mr. Miozzi for ten years. He has children in four schools and pays over \$8,000 taxes to the town. He would like to see this contract go forward, especially since the company is qualified to do it for the lowest cost.

Diane Micelli, 66 Steamboat Avenue, is an employee of T. Miozzi and is responsible for keeping the environmental records. She believes this is a fair bid and should move forward.

Mr. Assalone stated that it is great that Miozzi has local people working there. However, Mr. Miozzi has paid \$23,000 in fines for bad paperwork. Although it was a record keeping error, it related to testing and emissions and the garbage and carcinogens going all over the houses. There are a lot of things that happen where it is easier and cheaper to pay for mitigation, because the town has not seen fit to put serious penalties in place.

Ken Jackson, 2799 Harkney Hill Road, remarked that per the Town Charter 56-10, the town can reject any bid and disqualify a bidder. In this case, the problem is that making the pavement is hurting the neighborhood.

Gary Cote, Pettine Street, stated that we are talking about a \$2.5 million dollar contract and this Council is talking about not giving it to a local company where we have people paying local taxes and the reason is because the air quality around his plant is sub-par according to the neighbors. So you will give this to a company from another town, where people live around those plants too, and we will send the \$2.5 million to that town and not worry about the people who live next to their plants. It makes no sense to send our money to another town. I am not disqualifying anything the residents are saying, but this is a separate issue from the contract work that Miozzi performs for the Town of Coventry. The matter of the contract has to be addressed for the best price we can get for the

taxpayers of the Town of Coventry.

Charlotte Porter, 26 Sandra Circle, can hear the silos running from her house, operating before 7:00 a.m. There is an odor before 7:00 a.m. and that is why I am out there videotaping in the morning, they are working early and that is against the ordinance.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion and resulting action on resolution approving sewer tie-ins at 847 Tiogue Avenue, AP 29, Lot 33 and 1175 Main Street, AP 45, Lot 22.1

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

Discussion and resulting action on tax abatements and additions for July 2015

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to approve abatements and additions. All voted aye.

### LICENSES

1. Application for fireworks license by JW Studley on September 6, 2015 (rain date September 7, 2015) at 47 Indian Trail.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilman McGee to approve license subject to fire marshal approval. All voted aye.

2. Application for Live Show Entertainment license by Papa Gino's, 1080 Tiogue Avenue

Manager Dawn Badessa explained that the live show license would include karaoke for kids from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends along with open mike nights, probably three nights a week for the adults. This will all be held indoors; we close at 10 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve license. All voted aye.

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Discussion and resulting action on reappointing Sandra Lukowicz to the Historic District Commission

A motion was made by Vice-President Carlson seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to approve reappointment. All voted aye.

2. Discussion and resulting action approving the residency and employment contract of Colonel John S. MacDonald as Police Chief in the Town of Coventry

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

3. Discussion and resulting action awarding the fire code upgrades at the Town Hall Annex to Sheridan Electric of Warwick, RI in the amount of \$113,855

DPW Director Kevin McGee advised that funding will come from capital improvement funds. Two bids were received and the requirement is to award to the low bidder; Sheridan is the low bidder. This is for the most important and most expensive, part of the upgrades to the fire code. Four contractors did the walk thru, we received two bids.

Councilwoman Carlson asked what he thought the estimated cost would be; Mr. McGee thought in the area of \$120,000.

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

4. Discussion and resulting action awarding a contract to Saccoccia's Construction & Landscaping, LLC of Coventry, RI in the amount of \$28,990 for the demolition of the 500 Tiogue Avenue building

DPW Director McGee said this has been bid twice. The first time the results were over budget; the second time one was under budget and that was Saccoccia's Construction and Landscaping. We recommend this is awarded to Saccoccia, a local firm, in the amount of \$28,990. The spillway will be reestablished after demolition.

President Shibley asked if the RFP had changed the second time. Mr. McGee said there were some adjustments, but the second bidder was still well over what we had allocated. This is a contract that will be completed in a week. As far as precautions to protect the lake, the contractor will provide a bond and will also be sandbagging.

Vice-President Carlson asked whether Mr. Saccoccia has any experience in taking buildings down and Mr. McGee replied that he does. She asked whether materials could be resold; Manager Hoover indicated that it may have to be disposed of in a certain way, the project is under the watch of DEM. There was already a small bit of asbestos that was remediated.

A motion was made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve contract. All voted aye.

5. Discussion and resulting action awarding a contract to T. Miozzi Inc. of Coventry, RI in the amount of \$2,520,744.86 for asphalt pavement improvements within the Town of Coventry to be funded from the November 2014 Infrastructure Bond

DPW Director McGee advised that five companies bid on the project and it was advertised in both the Journal and the Times. T. Miozzi was the low bidder. Mr. McGee recommends the lowest qualified bidder, which is Miozzi.

Councilman McGee recognizes this is a sore subject. He has listened to public comment, understands what people are going through living near the asphalt plants. However, this Council has done everything asked of us and there has been no proof of contamination. I imagine there is a smell. I do not know Mr. Miozzi personally but have toured his plant and for an asphalt plant it is state of the art. I don't doubt what the residents say about odor, but I am not here to debate that; this is the lowest, qualified bidder. I am looking out for the best interest financially of all the taxpayers. This bid is \$144,000 lower than the next lowest bid.

I hope that when new homes are sold, that Mr. Assalone is notifying prospective owners that there is an asphalt plant there; I hope people who move there do their homework. But this is about awarding a pavement contractor. After spending the extra money to advertise in two papers, here we are with the low bidder. Just because you don't like the asphalt plant is not a good reason to deny a low bid. This gentlemen employs 46 people and pays a little less than \$100,000 in taxes. Why would we not give this to a local company?

It was encouraging to hear Mr. Miozzi talking about relocation. I hope that can be worked out and you can all smell the fresh air. My point is this is a qualified bid that should go to the lowest bidder and we should not deny him the right to do the job. He does quality work, he does work for the state. This is not about smelling the asphalt, but about awarding to the lowest bidder.

If we wait and table this item, we could run into an issue with the winter season approaching. The job needs to get done and I encourage the Town Council to let this go through so we can get the paving done. DPW Director McGee added that if this gets delayed and ground temps get below 50, you may have to push it off to next spring.

Councilwoman Duxbury had several questions: How much have we already committed to spend of the infrastructure bond? Manager Hoover said we will spend about \$6.5 million this year. She wanted to know how much we have already committed to spend this year. Mr. McGee replied \$710,000. Mrs. Duxbury asked if the term "qualified bidder" was more related to technical expertise and Mr. McGee agreed that it has more to do with technical aspects. Discussion took place regarding Mr. Miozzi's background, the roads he has done in Coventry in the past, sidewalks in Wood Estates and whether they are ADA compliant. Mr. McGee replied that he has done paving on Hill Street, Pilgrim Avenue, Anthony Street and some resurfacing in a multitude of areas.

Ms. Duxbury added whether the sidewalks in Wood Estate have been checked and if they are in ADA compliance. Mr. McGee responded that they are. Ms. Duxbury asked about

complaints from the Hill Street project and Councilman McGee added that there were some drainage issues, but Miozzi repaired whatever was needed. Sometimes it can be difficult working with asphalt.

DPW Director McGee provided a comparison chart between all bidders. Although Councilwoman Duxbury appreciates the chart, she would have liked to see quantities added into the chart, how we get from unit price to total price. She asked about the Hope Furnace Road project and reclamation; Mr. McGee said there are a few streets which call for total reclamation. We will do Hope Furnace in conjunction with Scituate. Mr. McGee explained that this is a different process, but the majority of the road is in Scituate. Coventry will only take care of its portion of the road.

Mrs. Duxbury referred back to chart, would like to see a schedule of values. Would like to look more closely at the bids to see if all bidders estimated the same amount of asphalt. Mr. McGee indicated that quantities were built into the bid, so everyone was bidding on the same amounts, we were comparing apples to apples.

Ms. Duxbury understands that we do not have to take the lowest bid if there is a reason. When I look at the bid it is not only numbers I see, but I am thinking whether these people are complying with the rules in this town. I would like to take another look at whether he is complying with the ordinances. There is a consent judgment and we have to comply with the consent judgment. But is he following procedures? To me, if he is not doing what he should be doing, then why would we give a contract to people who are not doing what they should be doing.

She has questions that she can only get answers to by looking at the bids. We are spending \$2.5 million and I want to make sure we are making the right decision. She would like to table the decision on this until she has met with the businesses and had a chance to look at the bids so that she can make a good decision, and doesn't feel she can do that tonight.

Councilwoman Carlson realizes there is a \$144,000 difference between Miozzi and D'Ambra. She is concerned that a "change order", cost overruns, or the flagger issue doesn't bring the price up \$144,000. Mr. McGee said there would only be a change order if the scope of the work changed. Ms. Carlson has a hard time awarding this to someone who she doesn't feel has been a good neighbor and who may have difficulty complying with the rules of the town in addition to her concerns about the quality of his work.

Councilwoman Duxbury has seen videos with truck drivers beeping the horns before 7 a.m. and that is unacceptable. That is not abiding by our ordinances.

Councilman McGee doesn't want to table this item. The agreement states the plant will not operate and make asphalt before 7, but the trucks have the right to get out earlier to their respective jobs. My point is that we have to do what is best for all the taxpayers and not just Reservoir Road. I don't agree with tabling this, you would need to have a good reason to not award this bid. I don't want to see another law suit.

Solicitor Gorham stated that on the first page of the bid specs it states that the town can reject any or all bids. The consent judgment does not require that every town paving job goes to Miozzi simply because it is the lowest bid. There could be other considerations that are pertinent.

President Shibley can see both sides. He commented that the Council turned down a \$75,000 expeditor position requested by the Town Manager but yet you want to consider spending \$144,000 more on this bid. There should be no truck traffic in and out of that plant before 7 a.m.

Solicitor Gorham referred to a meeting that Councilwoman Duxbury has on September 2 with local business owners. That wouldn't be quick enough to place this item on the August 31 council meeting. Manager Hoover indicated that we could move the 9/2 meeting, fit it in somehow, then put this issue on the August 31 agenda.

Councilman Laboissonniere doesn't have a problem with Miozzi's ability to complete the tasks, my problem is hearing all the neighbors' stories. This council is charged with the responsibility to do what is best for everybody in town. I agree with Ms. Duxbury that it would be difficult for me to make a decision tonight without additional facts and he agrees that this should be tabled this evening.

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

6. Discussion and resulting action awarding a contract to Highway Rehab. Corp. of Brewster, NY for Hot In-Place Asphalt Recycling on Hope Furnace Road in conjunction with the Town of Scituate at a cost of \$89,830.40 to be funded from the November 2014 Infrastructure Bond

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

7. Discussion and resulting action awarding a contract to MHQ Municipal Supply Inc. of Marlborough, MA for two Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles at the Greater Boston Police Counsel rate of \$71,972

Col. MacDonald, stated that we have always used MHQ, have a good experience with them. Vehicles will be purchased at the Greater Boston Police Counsel Rate.

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

8. Discussion and resulting action supporting the Quonset Air Museum to remain at its current location and not be evicted by the Rhode Island Airport Corporation

President Shibley advised that the Town Council received a letter requesting support to prevent the Airport Corporation from removing or evicting the Quonset Air Museum. The request asks that the RI Airport Corporation works with the Quonset Air Museum on a plan to keep it in its rightful place and retract the eviction notice.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Duxbury seconded by Vice-President Carlson to approve resolution. All voted aye.

9. Discussion and resulting action on renaming the Coventry Recreation Community Building the Guy L. Lefebvre Community Building

Manager Hoover advised that it would be a tribute to the late Guy Lefebvre, former Parks and Recreation Director, by renaming the Coventry Recreation Community Building to the *Guy L. Lefebvre Community Center*. If approved, a new sign will be unveiled on September 4, 2015 at 11 a.m. and the Center will be renamed. President Shibley will speak and Guy's daughter will bring thanks from the family.

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

10. Discussion and resulting action awarding a contract to a professional search firm to recruit a new Town Manager and further appointing Robert Thibeault as Interim Town Manager upon the departure of current Town Manager Thomas R. Hoover

A motion was made by Councilman McGee seconded by Vice-President Carlson to add Interim Town Manager's employment agreement to resolution. All voted aye.

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

11. Discussion and resulting action on appointing nine (9) members to a Charter Review Commission

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Vice-President Carlson to appoint Kenneth Jackson, Craig Penardo, Andrew Perra, Richard Polselli, Robert DiPadua, Michael Madonna, Nancy Sullivan, Ellen DeWolf and Wayne Asselin to the Charter Review Commission. All voted aye.

12. Discussion and resulting action on an agreement for payment in lieu of property and tangible property taxes on eight (8) private turbines to be installed in Western Coventry by Wind Energy Development

As per recommendation of Attorney Bernstein, a motion to table this agreement was made by Vice-President Carlson seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury, until a time when both

sides are in agreement. All voted aye.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Application for new Class B liquor license and Victualling license for Mai Tai I Inc., dba Mai Tai, 856 Tiogue Avenue

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

Attorney Seth Perlmutter represented Mai Tai. Although the property was sold at a tax sale, arrangements have been made and we want to go forward with renovations. Mr. Lew would like to be open and running by Columbus Day weekend in October; Mai Tai has secured financing for the renovations.

A motion was made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to close public hearing. All voted aye.

Although some members of the Town Council were concerned due to the tax sale situation and the current condition of the property, a motion was made by Councilman McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve the application pending all proper inspections and permits. Vote taken: (3) to approve; Councilwomen Carlson and Duxbury vote no. Motion passes.

Amendment to the Coventry Zoning Ordinance to allow for reasonable siting of Wind Energy Facilities

Manager Hoover explained that the law requires a zoning ordinance to be advertised three successive weeks before a public hearing. However, we failed to do so and the ordinance was only advertised one week, therefore we cannot have the public hearing tonight.

Councilwoman Carlson expressed her disappointment, stating that she felt it was extremely important that this was on tonight's agenda. Manager Hoover responded that it will be advertised three times for a public hearing on September 14, 2015.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to advertise for public hearing on September 14. All voted aye.

ORDINANCE

Amending the Town of Coventry Sewer Ordinance

Manager Hoover advised that this ordinance has already been to the General Assembly; new sewer tax bills will be based on the ordinance. President Shibley stated that general opinion is that this is a great ordinance and the town really needs it.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to dispense with a full reading of the ordinance. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Vice-President Carlson to advertise for public hearing. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilman McGee to adjourn meeting. All voted aye.

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Town Clerk