

Town Council Meeting  
September 21, 2015.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Per R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (1) For the purpose of interviewing Interim Town Manager Candidate
2. Per R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2) for the purpose of discussing an Offer of Settlement on all claims from Paul W. Olivieri concerning Plat 60, Lot 1.1

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Vice-President Carlson, Councilman McGee, Councilman Laboissonniere, Councilwoman Duxbury, Interim Town Manager Robert Thibeault, Town Solicitor Nicholas Gorham. President Shibley was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance  
Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan

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

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to close Executive Session. All voted aye.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Discussion and action on appointment of Interim Town Manager and related employment agreement

Councilman Laboissonniere began by saying that he was part of the Town Council that hired Richard Kerbel as a full time manager in 2006. He is happy that Mr. Kerbel has agreed to act as Interim Town Manager. Councilman McGee also agrees with the interim appointment, as discussed in Executive Session.

Councilwoman Duxbury thanked Mr. Kerbel for stepping up and helping the town. Vice-President Carlson also thanked him for attending this evening. It was very helpful that the Town Council had the opportunity to speak with him. Finance Director Bob Thibeault has been filling in as Interim Town Manager. These are huge jobs and most days Mr. Thibeault didn't get back to the Finance office until after 5:00 p.m. Although we have hired a search firm to look for a new Town Manager, we decided in the meantime to go back to an interim position. Mr. Kerbel has prior experience in Coventry as he was our full time Town Manager in 2006-2007 and will fill the position until December 24, unless we hire a new town manager sooner. He starts tomorrow and will not be in the office on Wednesdays due to a teaching commitment at Brown. Mr. Thibeault will act as interim Town Manager on Wednesdays.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to approve the interim appointment and employment agreement. All voted aye.

Discussion and action on Settlement Agreement between Paul W. Olivieri and the Town of Coventry settling all claims on Plat 60, Lot 1.1

Solicitor Gorham explained that in 2012 there was a six month agreement between Mr. Oliveiri and the town in order to run sewer lines through his property. The length of the agreement was six months, yet the project took two years. So tonight you are voting on an agreement, which is basically to compensate him for the encroachment and claims on his property during that period, as discussed in Executive Session. In essence, this agreement extinguishes all claims. The compensation amount is \$70,000 and everyone at our meeting (Town Engineer Bob Joyal, Planning Director Paul Sprague, Zoning Officer Jacob Peabody, Finance Director Bob Thibeault) was in favor of the agreement, that this is the best way to resolve the issue. Now we can go forward with finishing the federally funded project.

Solicitor Gorham added that the town's only cash outlay is \$23,000, not federal money but our own money. The rest of the compensation package is for back taxes that are in arrears and a sewer assessment. Mr. Gorham recommended Town Council approval.

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

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

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Town Clerk