

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 27, 2014

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. For the purpose of discussing matters of litigation as per RIGL 42-46-5(a) (2)

1. Warren West vs Thomas Hoover et al
2. Commerce Park LLC vs Town of Coventry

A motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to go into Executive Session. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to recess from Executive Session. All voted Aye.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Greg Laboissonniere, Karen Carlson, Kerry McGee, Tammy Duxbury, President Cote, Town Manager Thomas Hoover, Town Solicitor Nicholas Gorham

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant

Moment of Silence

Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan

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

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

President's Comments

President Cote reminded voters that every vote counts and asked that they get out and vote on November 4.

Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2014

Councilwoman Duxbury asked to amend minutes to include a correction to a statement made by her on Page 7 referring to bids. In the minutes it states that "Ms. Duxbury does not agree and thinks we should go back to Commonwealth and tell them exactly what it is we are asking for". She explained that what she was referring to is when a bid comes in, is opened and there is a noticeably big difference from the other bid, if it would be proper to go back to that bidder to clarify that they knew what the requirements were.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to accept minutes as amended. All voted Aye.

Manager Hoover commented that on September 22, 2014, during Public Comment Mr. Jackson asked that we post town "fees" on the website, but he actually meant to say that he wanted "bids" to appear on the website. That has been done.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT

School Committee Member Judy Liner updated the Council on topics of technology, last Saturday's statewide conference, the planned Google summit on Feb 28 and March 1, updates on Common Core and professional development day on November 3 along with the various workshops that will be offered. She spoke of the School Committee's support of full day Kindergarten as it believes in the importance of all day K with the many benefits afforded to students. We are currently one of three districts that does not offer all day K. Lastly, a ribbon cutting ceremony is anticipated for the new athletic complex at the high school at the Thanksgiving Day game. It is a beautiful, state of the art complex.

President Cote remarked that the Council doesn't have to be convinced of the importance of all day K and asked whether Ms. Liner thought it would become a state mandate. She replied that she is not sure because the majority of the cities and towns have already gone in that direction. She hopes Coventry comes together and moves forward on this issue.

President Cote went on to ask School Committeewoman Liner for clarification regarding a rumor he has heard about the School Committee taking a vote at tomorrow night's meeting to issue 3% raises to most administrators in the school department. However, it is not listed as a vote on the public agenda part of the meeting.

Although she understands President Cote's concerns, Ms. Liner felt that she was being put in a situation where she cannot discuss matters publicly, but will bring this matter back to Dr. Almeida. Councilwoman Carlson asked if Ms. Liner is aware of this matter on the Executive Session agenda and Ms. Liner replied that she is not. President Cote presented the agenda showing the matter listed under Administrative Contracts.

Vice-President McGee indicated that this is a big concern to him, he doesn't understand how the School Committee could consider something like this five days before the election; it shows total disrespect for the taxpayers. It is ludicrous to even think of it. President Cote added that the taxpayers made their wishes perfectly clear during the budget sessions, work sessions and public hearings. There are still programs that the school cannot fund, and we are talking about across the board raises for administrators in the Coventry School system? That is disgusting.

Ms. Liner indicated that personally, she feels services need to be reinstated first before raises are administered. President Cote added that you have a teacher's union who came back into negotiations and bargained things away, and now we are going to give raises to administrators? He remarked that he has been getting calls from people who have heard this rumor and are angry; I told them I would get some answers. He thanked Ms. Liner for her years of service on the School Committee, as she is not running for re-election.

Councilwoman Duxbury stated that she is an advocate of technology, but needs some clarification. She had attended meetings where the purchase of chrome books was discussed, and understood that they had to be purchased because the PARCC assessment had to be taken on-line. Now I see that the PARCC assessment had two versions available right from the beginning. We were told we had to do this right away for online testing, but it really was not required immediately and could have been phased in over time. Ms. Liner replied that she knows there was a grace period and thinks it is three years, but the paper and pencil version would also be available for three years.

Vice-President McGee advised that the Council was told that this was absolutely a requirement, this money had to be spent. How can this Council make informed decisions when we are not given the correct information. President Cote agreed and stated that \$300,000 goes toward maintenance of effort, as we were told this was absolutely necessary for the kids to take the PARCC assessments. The kids would be taught how to use the technology, with the teachers being trained first. Ms. Liner again suggested that Council speaks to Dr. Almeida.

LICENSES

1. Renewal of victualling licenses (food only, no alcoholic beverages)

Councilwoman Carlson asked if the establishments listed with additional hours already have been approved for additional hours. President Cote said they have. Councilman Laboissonniere asked that establishments be listed on the town website.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve renewals after all requirements have been met with regard to fire inspections, taxes, Board of Health approval and clearance from the State Division of Taxation. All voted Aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to open public hearings. All voted Aye.

1. Renewal of Class A liquor licenses (package stores)

No one spoke in favor of or opposed to renewals.

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

Mrs. Duxbury asked if any of these establishments have had issues with serving minors since the last license renewal. Chief Volpe said one store had a violation quite a while back, went through proper retraining and there have been no more issues. He stated that there are no problems with any of these renewals.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve Class A renewals after all requirements have been met with regard to fire inspections, taxes, approval and clearance from the State Division of Taxation. All voted Aye.

Solicitor Gorham ruled that Council could stay in open public hearings rather than close each hearing and reopen for each class of license.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to reopen public hearings. All voted Aye.

2. Renewal of Class B liquor licenses

No one spoke in favor or opposed to renewals.

Ms. Duxbury asked if there had been any issues with underage drinking or serving minors on the Class B renewals. Chief Volpe replied that there are no objections with anyone the list.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve Class B license renewals after all requirements have been met with regard to fire inspections, taxes, Board of Health approval and clearance from the State Division of Taxation. All voted Aye.

3. Renewal of Class B Ltd. Liquor licenses

No one spoke in favor or opposed to renewals.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve renewal of Class B Ltd. Licenses after all requirements have been met with regard to fire inspections, taxes, Board of Health approval and clearance from the State Division of Taxation. All voted Aye.

4. Renewal of Class D liquor licenses (club license including those with live show and dance)

No one spoke in favor or opposed to renewals.

Motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to approve license renewals after all requirements have been met with regard to fire inspections, taxes, Board of Health approval and clearance from the State Division of Taxation. All voted Aye.

5. Renewal of Class E liquor license (pharmacy)

No one spoke in favor of or opposed to renewals.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to approve renewal of Class E license after all requirements have been met with regard to fire inspections, taxes and clearance from the State Division of Taxation. All voted Aye.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Discussion and resulting action declaring that Sewer Contract 7, Flat River Road/Industrial Drive, is substantially complete for the purpose of sewer tie ins

Manager Hoover advised there is still paving to be done, but RIDOT requires that we wait until spring to finish, so this project won't be totally complete until that time. However, we must have a substantially complete sewer line and pump station before sewer tie ins can be made.

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

2. Discussion and resulting action recommending approval of sewer tie in at Rebuilder Automotive Supply (RAS) Realty Holding, LLC, located at 1650 Flat River Road

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

3. Discussion and resulting action declaring that Contract 7A; Town Hall, Town Hall Annex and the Department of Public Works is substantially complete for the purpose of sewer tie ins

Manager Hoover and the Sewer Subcommittee recommend approval.

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

4. Discussion and resulting action recommending approval of sewer tie ins at Town Hall, Town Hall Annex and the Department of Public Work

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

5. Application by T.A.K. Development, 200 Midway Road, Cranston for sewer contractor license

Manager Hoover advised that application is in order. A motion was made by Councilwoman Duxbury seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve application. All voted Aye.

6. Discussion and resulting action on tax abatements and additions for July 2014

Manager Hoover indicated that the Tax Assessor's office has been busy and is a couple of months behind, but August and September will be on the next council agenda.

Councilwoman Duxbury asked whether there is an indication the reval may be flawed based on the number of people coming in and whether there is an increase of people appealing their assessments. Manager Hoover stated that in his opinion it is not flawed and Finance Director Bob Thibeault said appeals are down from previous years, but will check with the Tax Assessor. Councilwoman Carlson asked for the percentage of houses that went up in value last time as compared with the 13 percent this time and Councilman Laboissonniere asked about the removal of properties through the tax freeze program. Manager Hoover noted that people have opted off the freeze in order to get the lower valuation, but then are off the freeze forever, and that is why you see some of the additions.

A motion was made by Vice-President McGee seconded by Councilman Laboissonniere to approve abatements and additions for July. All voted Aye.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Discussion and resulting action regarding the reappointment of Cynthia A. Fagan-Perry to the Coventry Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Michael Brault

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

2. Discussion and resulting action regarding the awarding of a contract to Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. to provide engineering services on the second phase of the repairs to the Upper Pond Dam #186 in the Town of Coventry, as per the consent agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) Office of Dam Safety, at a cost of \$38,070

Public Works Director Kevin McGee explained that the town entered into an agreement with DEM in November of 2013 for required repairs to the dam; phase one had to be done immediately. This bid is for the second phase. Councilwoman Duxbury asked if we received two comparable bids and Mr. McGee replied that we did.

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

3. Discussion and resulting action regarding the awarding of a contract to Priority Steel Company of Mansfield, MA to provide four (4) 1"X96"X240" steel road plates to replace the rented steel road plates now being used to keep the Hammet Road Bridge in the Town of Coventry open to traffic, due to collapsed culvert pipes, at a cost of \$13,609.32

DPW Director McGee advised this is due to a major collapse of culverts on Hammet Road. We are currently paying \$1,836 a month for road plate rentals and it is paramount that we keep plates on the road in order to keep the road open. He is applying for a grant, but that won't be until the spring. Vice-President McGee asked if we could talk to our state legislation regarding grants and Manager Hoover said that although he has not spoken to the state delegation, RIDOT is moving pretty quickly, but they are not only dealing with the Town of Coventry and the existing grant is only for \$5 million.

Councilman Laboissonniere commented that the bid is being awarded to a Mansfield Mass company, when we had a company nearby. Mr. McGee said that 8 companies were invited to bid, and the local companies were not the low bidders. These are delivered prices.

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

4. Discussion and resulting action regarding entering into a license agreement with Hawk Crest Homeowners Association for the care and maintenance of Lot 14 in Assessor's Plat 25 in Hawk Crest Estates

This agreement was on the agenda on August 18 but due to questions from an adjacent homeowner, Manager Hoover asked that it be turned back to him and held for further study. This is an agreement for the property and maintenance thereof. When Hawk Crest Estates was developed, it was required that this particular lot be granted to the town and was recorded as such. There was a covenant that the people in the development across the street would have access to the pond thru this lot/property. The Town used it to park the police boat and Central Coventry Fire Department parked their fire boat there. We all know what happened to the fire boat, and our police boat is actually now stored on a daily basis at the officer's home who is assigned to the boat and who happens to live on Johnson's Pond. Neither the town nor the fire department use this property anymore; we own it but do not maintain it.

We have talked to the attorney and the abutting neighbor, who has no objection to cleaning underbrush and keeping up the lawn, but he does not want any trees cut. So I am going to recommend a small amendment to this agreement. On the second page, under #1, the second sentence, currently reads that the grantee shall not be allowed to cut any trees in excess of four inches in diameter unless specifically authorized in writing by the grantor. I recommend that the grantee shall not be allowed to cut *any* trees, but shall be allowed to cut underbrush, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the grantor. We will continue to remain owner of the property and the rest of the license agreement speaks for itself. In addition, we will

be allowed to terminate the agreement at any time. The Homeowners Association is satisfied at this point.

Vice-President McGee had concerns about the public not being able to access the pond from the property, but President Cote responded that this agreement is so that people who live across the street whose homes are not on the pond can use it. Manager Hoover added that this is a private street, and the town owns the lot on a private development. It is not a town road. Secondly, the covenant in the deed indicates that only the people in the development are allowed access through this lot.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to approve agreement. All voted Aye.

5. Discussion and resulting action regarding emergency repair of the irrigation well at Rice Field on Knotty Oak Road by D. S. Lorenson Inc. of Coventry, RI at a cost of \$7,100

Parks and Recreation Director Guy Lefebvre advised that in July we lost the irrigation system at Rice Field, tried to fix it but it continued to go down and not function. We contracted with Lorenson and they determined the control panel was the problem and replaced it for \$3300. The system was reset, but continued to cut out. The only thing left was the pump, which was bad and needed to be replaced at \$3800.00. We were coming into the start of the football season and it had become an emergency situation at the field.

Councilman Laboissonniere asked if the well was put in when all the original work was done, and whether or not there was a warranty on the controller. Mr. Lefebvre said that we are past that point as we are in our 6th year already. There have been lightning strikes in the past, however, we weren't able to definitely state that this was due to a lightning strike, we don't know what happened at Rice for sure.

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

6. Discussion and resulting action regarding the emergency repair of a circulator pump at the Town Hall annex by Industrial Burner Service, Inc. of Providence, RI at a cost of \$7,825

DPW Director McGee explained that this is also an emergency situation. In the spring we drained two 52 year old boilers. In late fall, we found that all four circulator pumps were frozen. We were able to replace one pump and get one circulator going. However, we are going into the winter months and even if we order this next week, we are looking at 3-4 month production time to get the boilers in place. I am not comfortable going into winter with only one circulator pump with no backup. I don't want to chance losing the pipes if that one pump fails. Even if it is approved today, I am still eight weeks away from getting them replaced.

A motion was made by Councilman Laboissonniere seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to approve the emergency repair. All voted Aye.

7. Discussion and resulting action requesting the Rhode Island General Assembly to amend RIGL Chapter 44-5, Section 44-5-11.8, with regards to Tax Classification

Manager Hoover stated there has been ongoing discussion regarding this matter. There is a section in the town ordinances which replicates the state general law, having to do with commercial activity or a special use happening at a residential property. The way our tax assessor has read this, is that a portion of this property has to be taxed commercially. There is some controversy as to whether that is the right interpretation. We had a first reading on this ordinance a couple of months ago, and at that time Asst. Town Solicitor Veronica Assalone indicated that it was not allowable for us to do this without getting a change in the general law. Also, our new solicitor's legal opinion is that it does have to go to General Assembly.

President Cote explained that the property owner lost his job. To keep his family above water, he bought a MAC tool dealership and parked the truck in his driveway. We used this ordinance to tax his entire piece of property as a commercial unit. This gentleman came in and sought a special use permit, and we gave him the permit, but his mortgage was almost \$400.00 a month higher because of commercial taxation. We have tried to be small business friendly and this is not a reflection of that. This resolution asks our state delegation to bring to the General Assembly on our behalf a change that would apply only to the Town of Coventry. We would like to get legislation to correct this and other types of similar situations.

Councilwoman Duxbury would like to table the issue for further study as she is getting questions that she is unable to answer at this point and would like time to do more research. I would like to request that we table this until I can resolve my questions and determine the right decision. Although I have a lot of confidence in what our solicitor has ruled, I also need to understand the impact to all parties.

Councilman Laboissonniere asked if this legislation is specifically for this property and President Cote responded that it is, however, there have been other properties affected in the past who just quit what they were doing so they could go back to paying residential taxes. If this is passed the tax would follow the new rules. Mrs. Duxbury commented that although it would enable the town to do a partial assessment at the commercial rate if warranted, would it still have to go through the process of obtaining a special use permit? Just want to make sure that there is a public hearing process before a special use permit is granted. Manager Hoover agreed and said that would happen at the Zoning Board of Review.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Duxbury seconded by Councilwoman Carlson to table this issue for further study. All voted Aye.

Vice-President McGee feels that this issue should be expedited and hopes at the next meeting it can be moved along. Ms. Duxbury also mentioned that next week's election will have an impact on who the representatives are that will bring this issue forward.

8. Discussion and resulting action regarding the awarding of a contract to Attorney John Coletti of Coletti & Tente in Cranston, RI for performing tax sales for the Town of Coventry.

Manager Hoover stated that it is a professional service to perform tax sales. The last solicitor decided that he would do them himself; the present solicitor does not agree that town solicitors should do the tax sales. Attorney John Coletti used to do tax sales for us and the tax collector was very pleased with this individual and his firm. She recommends that we engage him and his firm again. We have one of the highest collection rates in the state, and I would strongly recommend approval of this resolution.

Finance Director Bob Thibeault indicated a cost of \$225.00 per property paid by the buyer; with Coletti and Tente getting \$400.00 per tax sale event. Solicitor Gorham clarified that with regard to the taxpayers of the town who are unable to pay their taxes and lose their property, you are either going to lose it or intervene at the last minute and pay. They end up paying the \$225.00. It *can* be the buyer, but if the person wants to redeem their title, they pay the \$225.00. The burden almost always falls on the taxpayers of the town if they are going to get their property back. Manager Hoover said that the town pays the \$400.00 cost per tax sale event; tax sales are held twice a year.

Vice-President McGee asked Solicitor Gorham if he is comfortable with Attorney Coletti, and although Solicitor Gorham is not familiar with that law firm, he comes highly recommended by our Tax Collector. Each time that firm was used, all went smoothly and she was very pleased.

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

9. Discussion and resulting action regarding the awarding of a contract to Flood Ford of East Greenwich, RI for the purchase of a full size 8 passenger 2015 Ford Transit 150 at a cost of \$27,347, to be financed through the Department of Human Services Project Friends account

Human Services Director, Pat Schurtleff, explained that this is the third van purchased, our whole fleet decided to just die this year. We do three runs daily and are going with this van because we have had a lot of trouble with the used vans. Also, we have had big vans in the past and there are really no more than seven people on a van when we do a run. This will be much better gas wise and we won't have to deal with anyone else's trouble. The van has been ordered and it does take eight weeks to get the vehicle. President Cote asked if she is confident that this 150 (1/2 ton) transit van will stand up to the use the van is going to get and she replied that she is confident.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Carlson seconded by Councilwoman Duxbury to approve purchase. All voted Aye.

10. Discussion and resulting action authorizing the Town Solicitor and the Town Manager to complete and award a grant of easement to the Narragansett Electric Company, a Rhode Island corporation, for the installation of electric power to the Coventry Landfill, located at 451 Arnold Road, as part of the remediation of this landfill

Steve Andrus, project manager with GZA Environmental on the remediation of the landfill, told us that the contractor installing the soil vapor extraction system needs power as they plan to use a 15 hp electric motor for their work, need electricity for pumps, etc. As is traditional with National Grid, first they want their easement and money, then will put in the electricity. He has met with National Grid and things have been staked out. The costs will be rolled into the contract. The cost of the contract is a 60/40 split; the town pays 60% and the principal responsible parties pay 40%. The monthly bills from National Grid will be sent to the attorney in charge of the PRP group, of which the Town of Coventry is a member along with 6 other companies; we will split 60/40 all the way down the line.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Downey, President of RI Council 94, stated the reason he is here is to let the Town Council know that the members of Local 3484 haven't received a pension report in over 18 months. We want to bring this to your attention because so many times the union has been blamed for things but we are doing our part, contributing 9% soon to be 10%. Some people are getting close to retirement and need this information. Also, we would like the town to consider having Milliman come talk to our members and assure them that one day they will be able to retire. Mr. Downey also asked if possible, we would like to have a report within a reasonable amount of time, such as every 6 months. He suggested an on-line system where a person can check pension status. Manager Hoover agreed that six months is reasonable, he does not have a problem with having Milliman come and talk to employees, and did assure everyone that employees will have a pension.

Ken Jackson, 2799 Harkney Hill Road, agrees with President Cote and Vice-President McGee that what the School Committee may be considering with regard to raises is appalling.

In addition, Mr. Jackson presented a multiple page document pertaining to the Central Coventry Fire District to which Manager Hoover will respond. He also requested that he be allowed to ask five questions and not read his presentation, but hand it in for the record.

1. Did Solicitor Tobin ever inform anyone on Judge Stern's decision on the duties and responsibilities of the board members of Central Coventry Fire Department
2. Did Solicitor Tobin ever press the matter of repayment as he stated during a Town Council meeting on July 22, 2013?

3. Did Solicitor Tobin file an action, as Mr. Hoover requested, at the Town Council Meeting on April 24 of this year?
4. Where is the Town of Coventry on the CCFD's pecking list for repayment?
5. When is the loan going to be repaid?

President Cote responded that the Town of Coventry is number one in the pecking order. That was the agreement we made with the special master, the creditors and the court before we forwarded the \$300,000 in loan assets to them.

Manager Hoover added that this is a whole new ballgame now. Although Judge Stern and the Superior Court put us in the number one position, he also just recently sent all collection items to the state appointed receiver. The receiver indicated that he was negotiating with the fire union, and if those negotiations did not prove successful, it looked like he might go to a Chapter 9 bankruptcy. If that happens, everyone pretty much gets a haircut, including us. It is in the receiver's hands now. To answer your questions, Mr. Tobin did file all those things you asked about.

Mark Crossley, Magolia Lane, appeared to support his neighbors at 19 Magnolia Lane. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for this flyer I found in my mailbox on Sunday. This is wrong, it is embarrassing. These people work hard. His truck is smaller than half of the RVs that my neighbors park in their yards. Their yard is always immaculate. I don't know these people very well, but it could be me. He's only trying to support his family and I hope that you expedite this for them and get the ball rolling.

Tom Forcier, 30 Lori Lane, referred to an ongoing situation next to his property (former Colwell Campground). Mr. Forcier said that he has been trying to be heard by the Council but has been ignored for the last two years. There is a need for transparency in the zoning and planning depts. For the last two years, he has spent thousands of dollars on lawyers. I am a taxpayer. I was told that you were going to put me on the agenda and you did not. There are many violations at the campground, license renewals are coming up, and except for Mrs. Carlson, nobody wants to hear it.

Ann Dickson, School Committee, 141 Perry Hill Road. Would like to thank you for placing the School Committee report on the agenda every month. Although we have significant differences in our educational philosophies, you have always been very respectful. She thanked President Cote for his years of service to the community and would like to see him in attendance at some School Committee meetings in the future.

Jeff Hakanson, President Tiogue Lake Association, remarked that this is the beginning of an election cycle and the end of a term. In the last four years with this Town Council, the dump is getting cleaned up, emergency services have been done on the gatehouse. He thanked the Council, President Cote and all who have supported the Tiogue Lake Association, including DPW and Parks and Recreation. We have all worked as a team. This has been the most gratifying last four or five years that I have seen, with things being accomplished that we have worked on. On behalf of Tiogue Lake Association, thank you and good luck to the next leaders, as we continue to try to protect Tiogue Lake for the future of the town.

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

Town Clerk