

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 6, 2006

6:00 P.M.

Present: Gregory Laboissonniere, Robert Thibeault, Ted Jendzejec, Justin Pomfret,
Frank Hyde

Town Manager Richard Kerbel

Town Solicitor Patrick Sullivan

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant

Invocation led by President Jendzejec

Town Sergeant reviewed the emergency evacuation plan

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Town of Coventry Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map regarding Harris Mill, Main Street, Assessor's Plat 96, Lot 25 currently zoned Industrial 2 to Industrial 2 with a Mill Conversion Overlay/floating Designation.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere to refer ordinance to Planning Commission for recommendation. All voted Aye. So voted.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution appointing member to the Planning Commission
2. Resolution appointing alternate member to the Zoning Board of Review
3. Resolution appointing member to the Board of Canvassers

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Justin Pomfret to table all appointment resolutions. All voted Aye. So voted.

4. Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to appropriate funds to reinstate Junior Varsity sports

Councilman Hyde to Superintendent DiPietro – Questioned Mr. DiPietro as to lack of funds to reinstate JV sports. Mr. Hyde stated that if we take the Town Council out of the equation, I know that there are different groups that raise funds for sports. What if a private entity were to put forward some money to reinstate sports, is that possible?

Mr. DiPietro – In general if funds are allocated to the schools, we are obligated to address all deficits. However, the school department does access funds through private grants, federal, state and even through the town. If there is a restricted account that is not in our budget and the sole purpose is JV Sports, then it would be a school committee decision as to whether they are going to access the fund.

Mr. Hyde – That being said, if there was a restricted account and it was there for just JV sports reinstatement, I would have to believe that the school committee would be crazy not to access it. This morning Mr. Cambio took it upon himself to call me and offered to donate money for this specific need. He is willing to donate \$19,200.00 into this reserve.

Now, I understand that we have money from our cell towers. It will cost \$40,000 to reinstate sports, so I am here asking the Council that we take money from the cell tower account and put it into a restricted account to reinstate JV sports.

Motion made by Frank Hyde to put money from Mr. Cambio into a restricted account to reinstate JV Sports.

Mr. Pomfret – Would want assurance from the school committee that we know where this money is going to go.

Mr. Laboissonniere – The School Committee couldn't make a decision on that at this point.

Solicitor Sullivan – They can't discuss it tonight and make a decision, that would constitute an illegal meeting.

No second to the motion. Motion fails.

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Justin Pomfret to adjourn meeting. All voted Aye. So voted.

Meeting adjourns at 6:25 p.m.

Town Clerk