

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
November 14, 2005

President Jendzejec: I want to begin by first thanking the other members of the council for their support this evening. I also want to recognize Acting Town Manager Sullivan, and the other town staffers that are here tonight.

I think it's safe to say that the last year has not been easy for many of us. Tonight we are given the opportunity to begin anew, and rededicate ourselves to serving the interests of the people of Coventry, to move forward with a progressive agenda that addresses the needs of each and every hardworking taxpayer, and to finally put aside the petty bickering and political agendas that have divided us for far too long.

I am confident in our ability to move forward, united and recommitted to honoring the sacred trust our constituents placed in all of us.

Despite all the turmoil this body has faced in a such a short period of time, one thing remains true: Our conviction to do what is right for Coventry is far stronger than the distractions that have divided us. It's time to get to work and start delivering real results for this town. As for promises, you'll only hear me make a few.

I'll do everything in my power to increase accountability and make sure this council's business is conducted in the light of day; I'll never allow another member of this council, no matter their party affiliation, to be shut out of the process for any reason; and most of all I'll never forget that, above all else, we work for the people of Coventry.

Our citizen search committee has already been organized, and will soon be expanding and beginning their very important work.

January 3rd is the first working day of 2006, and my goal is to have our new town manager here, on the job, and getting down to business.

I want to thank Acting Town Manager Sullivan. Your advice and guidance have been invaluable to this town. Your record of public service is beyond reproach, and we are all grateful for the leadership you've shown over these last many months.

From this day forward, our council must diligently seek to reaffirm the public's trust.

Access and accountability will be among this council's top priorities. And finally, we're going to move forward with a plan to broaden our tax base. When it comes to taxes we're not proud of being number one.

So let me be clear, this council will bring RESPONSIBLE business growth to Coventry to finally help ease the burden on homeowners.

I want to spend my time and energies continuing to work on the things that matter to the people of Coventry.

Because I believe public service still matters; I believe that what is good about Coventry can be better.

And I believe that with open and honest leadership, Coventry's best days are right in front of us! Thank you

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

Acting Town Manager Richard P. Sullivan
Town Solicitor Patrick J. Sullivan

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant
Invocation led by President Jendzejec
Town Sergeant reviewed Emergency Evacuation Plan

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere to approve Town Council minutes of October 24, 2005 and November 3, 2005. All voted Aye. So Voted.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that Item #7 on Consent Agenda regarding renewal of hawker license by James Zuleger is tabled. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that Item #5 on Consent Agenda regarding confirmation of appointments to the Town Manager Search Committee is amended from nine voting members to eleven voting members. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that Items 1-6 on Consent Agenda are approved. All voted Aye. So voted.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution awarding purchase of dump truck for Dept. of Public Works
2. Resolution awarding purchase of pickup truck for Parks & Recreation
3. Resolution awarding contract for Paine Field garage addition
4. Resolution appointing members to Friends of Human Services Advisory Board
5. Resolution confirming appointments to Town Manager Search Committee **(amended)**
6. Application by Robert Conover for Renewal of Private Detective license
7. Application for Renewal of Hawker license (90 day) by James Zuleger for Plainview Farms Farmers Market, 505 Tiogue Avenue **(tabled)**

Resolution 107-05-2517 awarding purchase of dump truck for Dept. of Public Works

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 107-05-2517

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances for the purchase of a 37,000 GVW dump truck for the Department of Public Works.

ALTRUI BROTHERS TRUCK SALE

\$55,152.00

110 Warren Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914

Manufacturer: Freightliner
M2-106 Business Class

Delivery Date: 45/65 days from order

Warranties: Basic Vehicle 2-4 years, 5 years engine,
transmission and real axle

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Department of Public Works
Roads and Bridges Capital Improvement Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November 2005.

APPROVED Thaddeus Jendzejec
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

Resolution #108-05-2518 awarding purchase of pickup truck for Parks &
Recreation

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 108-05-2518

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town
Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances
for the purchase of a 4 x 4 pickup truck for the Parks & Recreation Department.

BAILEY-FLOOD EAST GREENWICH FORD \$17,888

2545 South County Trail
East Greenwich, RI 02818-1531

2002 Ford F-250 Pickup 4 x 4 (Mileage 59,310)

Funding for this purchase is provided for in the FY 2005/2006 Department
of Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Budget.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November 2005.

APPROVED Thaddeus Jendzejec
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

Resolution # 109-05-2519 awarding contract for Paine Field garage addition

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 109-05-2519

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council hereby affirms the award of a contract by the Town Manager pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 2-191 of the Town Code of Ordinances for the Paine Field garage addition for the Parks & Recreation Department.

C & D CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. **\$16,992.00**
1801 Smith Street
North Providence, RI 02911

Funding is provided for in the 2005/2006 Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November 2005.

APPROVED Thaddeus Jendzejec
Council President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

Resolution # 110-05-2520 appointing members to Friends of Human Services Advisory Board

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 110-05-2520

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, REAPPOINTING THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE COVENTRY FRIENDS OF HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 34-04-2336 established the Coventry Friends of Human Services Advisory Board consisting of nine (9) members to serve three year staggered terms of office.

WHEREAS, three vacancies currently exist due to three terms of office that expired May 1, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby reappoints:

Nancy Assumpico, Karen Raposa and William Morein

as members with terms of office expiring May 1, 2008.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2005.

APPROVED: Thaddeus Jendzejec
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

Resolution #111-05-2521 confirming appointments to Town Manager Search Committee (amended)

RESOLUTION
OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NO. 111-05-2521

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY
APPOINTING A SUBCOMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW CANDIDATES FOR
TOWN MANAGER

WHEREAS, according to Article VII Section 5.01 of the Coventry Home Rule Charter, the Town Council shall appoint the Town Manager if he so qualifies; and

WHEREAS, the Town has actively solicited and advertised for candidates to be so appointed by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has received numerous applications for the position of Town Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Town must exercise its due diligence in the selection of Town Manager and investigate the credentials, background and conduct interviews of prospective candidates, and the Town Council requests the input of its citizenry.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby establishes a Manager Search Committee comprised of nine members and two alternates, for a total of eleven people appointed by the Town Council, to investigate the credentials, background and conduct interviews of candidates for the position of Town Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Manager Search Committee shall forward ten recommendations to the Town Council for consideration for appointment to the position of Town Manager to be dealt with five at a time. The Town Council may consider the recommendation(s) of the Committee and may appoint from the Committee's recommendation(s). The recommendation(s) from the Manager Search Committee shall not be binding upon the Town Council, and the Town Council may consider any other applicant, or abandon the search pool in its entirety and re-advertise for the position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members appointed to this Manager Search Committee are as follows:

Paul Skaling	Michael Durand
Paul Sprague	Senator Lou Raptakis
Senator Leo Blais	Ronald Wood
Agnes LaPointe	Edouard Jacques
William Brackett	Arthur Capaldi, Esq., Alternate **
James Kuipers, Alternate **	

** Amended to eleven voting members

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2005.

APPROVED: Thaddeus Jendzejec
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

Solicitor Sullivan – This resolution was drafted as a result of a work session that we had at Quidnick School with the Centre of New England.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that resolution be adopted. All voted Aye. So voted.

Resolution # 112-05-2522 supporting the Centre of New England's request that Kent County Water Authority relinquish easement

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL NO. 112-05-2522

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY URGING KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY TO ABANDON RIGHTS IN EASEMENT AT CENTER OF NEW ENGLAND

Whereas, Kent County Water Authority, a political subdivision of the State of Rhode Island pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly currently possesses an easement over certain lands in the Town of Coventry, as recorded in the Coventry Registry of Deeds in Book 32 Page 327; and

Whereas, the Town of Coventry has previously found that that land burdened by the said easement is vital to the economic development of the Town, and,

Whereas, the owner of the burdened land has represented to the Coventry Town Council that they have requested that Kent County Water Authority extinguish, abandon and otherwise terminate that easement; and,

Whereas, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-16-8 (6) the Town of Coventry has duly rejected its right of first refusal thereby clearing the way for the abandonment by Kent County Water Authority, and

Whereas, the owner of the burdened land has represented to the Coventry Town Council that he has encountered great difficulty with Kent County Water Authority in its quest to have the easement abandoned, and in turn, it is impairing his ability to turn the raw land into a tax generating commercial enterprise.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of Coventry strongly urges the Kent County Water Authority to swiftly determine the value, if any, of this interrupted pipeline easement, and abandon said pipeline easement with all deliberate speed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs the Town Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Kent County Water Authority upon passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2005.

APPROVED: Thaddeus Jendzejec
President

ATTEST: Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk

Resolution supporting use of biodiesel

Motion made by Gregory Laboissonniere seconded by Frank Hyde that resolution be tabled. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Justin Pomfret seconded by Gregory Laboissonniere that meeting be adjourned. All voted Aye. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Cheryl A. George
Town Clerk