

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Coventry Town Hall Council Chambers  
December 11, 2006

- Executive Session  
Per R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (2)

Motion made by Councilman Thompson seconded by Councilman Cloutier to go into executive session. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Councilman Colaluca seconded by Councilman Cloutier to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: Kenneth Cloutier - Aye; Anthony Colaluca - Aye; Bruce Thompson – Aye; Justin Pomfret – Aye.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Bruce Thompson to seal minutes of executive session. All voted Aye. So voted.

- Work Session

1. Pre-winter operations briefing by Sheila Barrett, Town Engineer. Ms. Barrett gave hand-outs to council members regarding winter storm emergency response procedures along with power point presentation.

2. Solicitor Sullivan explained the process of appointments to Boards and Commissions. Council needs to abide by the open meetings law. Interviews in executive session are permitted, however vote must be taken in public session. No decisions on appointments may be made in executive session. Interviews are not necessary in order to appointment members to boards.

- TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Kenneth Cloutier, Anthony Colaluca, Justin Pomfret, Bruce Thompson

Town Manager Richard Kerbel  
Town Solicitor Patrick Sullivan

Absent: Frank Hyde

Pledge of Allegiance led by Town Sergeant.  
Invocation by President Pomfret  
Town Sergeant reviewed the Emergency Evacuation plan

Swearing In Ceremony

Town Manager Kerbel swore in five new patrolmen: Officers Bradford Barco, Robert Jackavone, Pedro Viera, Joshua Hendrickson and Richard Pendola.

Public Comment

Wayne Asselin  
30 Lorraine Avenue

Mr. Asselin suggested that Ms. Barrett's winter storm procedures be placed on the town website.

Ronald Ghizzarelli  
50 Harrington Road

Mr. Ghizzarelli commented that he believes the Town Council should require that public notification of all potential new developments be sent to Coventry residents within a certain perimeter.

Jeff Hakanson, President  
Tiogue Lake Association  
30 Lakeside Drive

Thanked Town Council for their help regarding the 2006 season. Raised \$3,000 to offset costs and grants came through. Had a good season.

Nancy Sprengelmeyer  
28 Taft Street

Mrs. Sprengelmeyer requested that Town Council consider allowing public input on specific agenda issues, to be announced at the beginning of a meeting.

Brett Harrington  
800 Hammet Road

Mr. Harrington requested an update on Hammet Road issues; also, that he is notified when any legal issues arise. Solicitor Sullivan stated that he would be in touch with Mr. Harrington's councilman at that time.

Kathy Patenaude  
38 Fieldstone Drive

Mrs. Patenaude requested that the municipal and police contracts be placed on the town website, both the current year and previous year.

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to approve minutes from Town Council Meeting November 27, 2006. All voted Aye. So voted.

- CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilman Thompson seconded by Councilman Colaluca to remove #5 from Consent Agenda for discussion. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Bruce Thompson to approve Items #1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 on Consent Agenda. All voted Aye. So voted.

President Pomfret questioned why the town purchases for the fire department. Manager Kerbel stated that it is an obligation the town has for the operation of fire alarm that we supply the equipment and we reimburse the fire department for the cost of personnel.

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to approve resolution. All voted Aye. So voted.

1. Tax abatements for month of October in the amount of \$2,791.02 with additions of \$12,227.02 and for the month of November in the amount of \$6,511.55 with additions of \$91,663.89.
2. Request for Perpetual Care by Herman Matteson for Oakland Cemetery, Lots 6 and 273 NH
3. Resolution #96-06-2700 releasing bond for Highwood Estates Section V, Phase 4
4. Resolution #97-06-2701 awarding contract for revaluation services
5. Resolution #98-06-2702 authorizing Town Manager to proceed with purchase of voice recorder for Coventry Fire Dept.
6. Resolution #99-06-2703 adopting Administrative Pay Plan
7. Resolution #100-06-2703 authorizing Town Manager to proceed with acceptance of Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement
8. Resolution #101-06-2704 re-adopting Town Council Rules of Procedure

- RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #102-06-2705 canceling the regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting on Monday, December 25, 2006; establishing a joint meeting with the School Committee on December 19, 2006 at School Committee Meeting Room at Knotty Oak Middle School at 6:30 p.m. and scheduling of Town Council orientation on Saturday, January 6, 2007.

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to approve resolution. All voted Aye. So voted.

Resolution #103-06-2706 adopting Tax Increment Financing Policy

Robert Thibeault, Chairman of TIF Commission, explained the TIF policy and stated that the TIF Commission recommended using this as a Capital Improvement tool. Would be in the town's best interest, and the TIF Commission urges council to accept the policy.

President Pomfret stated this seems like a win/win situation for the town. Mr. Thibeault agreed.

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to approve resolution. All voted Aye. So voted.

- PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Application for new Additional Hours by Wal-Mart Stores East LP located at 650 Centre of New England Blvd.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Anthony Colaluca to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Present: Charles Rogers  
Richmond, RI

Mr. Rogers from Walmart was present at the meeting to request additional hours from 2:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Bruce Thompson to close public hearing. All voted aye. So voted.

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to grant additional hours reverting back to the opening date. All voted Aye. So voted.

2. Application for New Victualling and Additional Hours by Honey Dew Donuts located at 710 Centre of New England Blvd.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Anthony Colaluca to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Present: Edward Laplume  
Maplewood Drive  
Burrillville, RI

Mr. Laplume – Honey Dew will be open 4 a.m. to 10 p.m., twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days per year.

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to close public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to approve victualing license with additional hours subject to approval from the Board of Health. All voted Aye. So voted.

3. Amendment of Ordinance regarding Change of Map for New London Turnpike, AP 7, Lot 16 – from Industrial to Business Park

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Anthony Colaluca to open public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Present: John Brunero, Jr., Esq.  
1070 Main St.  
Coventry, RI

Attorney Brunero represented FRP Family Ltd Partnership, Frank Paolino.

Mr. Brunero stated the proposed bank, at 2285 New London Turnpike, would be in the old graphic arts building. Presently the area is zoned I-1, Industrial. Looking for a change in zone to Business Park (BP), which is presently the zoning across the street. The lot that we have is AP. 7, Lot 16, which is approximately 36,000 square feet. The Coventry Comprehensive Plan has designated this area as Business Park use for the future and this application has received a unanimous recommendation by the Planning Board after hearings on August 23 and September 27, 2006.

This will be a less intensive cause for traffic than an industrial use. For example, people won't come all the way down here to go to the bank; it will be people using the business park. Will not cause traffic increase. The building will be about 3,500 square feet. There is a cemetery on the property, and we will maintain the cemetery, landscape and maintain entrance to keep it accessible. There is a stipulation that we will maintain the cemetery. It is on the side of the lot.

Mr. Thompson – questioned the traffic flow out to New London Turnpike.

Mr. Brunero – The traffic is coming in on the northeasterly side, back out onto New London Turnpike. There is also access from Gay Street, also enter and exit on Gay Street. One way in on the east, one way out on the west.

Mr. Sprague: This is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and what we are looking for in that area. Old building is going to be taken down, new one going up.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Bruce Thompson to close public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Bruce Thompson seconded by Kenneth Cloutier that ordinance is adopted. All voted Aye. So voted.

Renew Class B, Victualling and Liveshow Entertainment Licenses for KBMM LLC, dba Half Moon, 1650 Nooseneck Hill Road

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Anthony Colaluca to open public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or opposed.

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Bruce Thompson to close public hearing. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Anthony Colaluca to grant renewal of Class B. Victualling and Liveshow entertainment licenses for Half Moon. voted Aye. So voted.

President Pomfret noted at this time that congratulations are in order for Coach Kenneth Cloutier's Rams football team, as they return from Florida with a championship win.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

- Ordinance correcting Taxation Ordinance for Elderly or Disabled Persons

Manager Kerbel stated that this ordinance is strictly to correct typographical errors in the original ordinance. No changes in the administration of the ordinance.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Anthony Colaluca to advertise ordinance for public hearing on January 8, 2006. All voted Aye. So voted.

- Ordinance regarding Upper Maisie Quinn Sewer Assessment

Motion made by Anthony Colaluca seconded by Kenneth Cloutier to advertise ordinance for public hearing on January 8, 2006. All voted Aye. So voted.

Motion made by Kenneth Cloutier seconded by Anthony Colaluca to adjourn meeting. All voted Aye. So voted.

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Town Clerk