

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2009

Present: President Raymond Spear, Vice-President Laura Flanagan, Glen Shibley,  
Kenneth Cloutier, Frank Hyde

Town Manager Thomas Hoover  
Town Solicitor Patrick Rogers

Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation by Pastor Auld of Summit Baptist Church  
Review of Emergency Evacuation Plan

President's Comments

President Spear made the following announcements:

- A thank you note was received from the family of Joe Voccio, who recently passed away.
- A Christmas card was received from the Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Coventry, England.
- Vacancies still exist on the Redevelopment Commission, Pawtuxet River Authority, Sewer Assessment Board, Land Trust and Housing Authority.
- The Town Council will hold a special meeting on December 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at 1675 Flat River Road for the purpose of a discussion pertaining to a police training facility.
- The December 28, 2009 Town Council meeting is cancelled.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Frank Hyde to approve minutes from Town Council meetings on November 9, 16 and 23, 2009. All voted aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Cancellation of December 28, 2009 Town Council meeting
2. Renewal of Private Detective license for Donald Ferrucci
3. Renewal of Campground licenses for:
  - a. Hickory Ridge
  - b. Colwell's Campground
  - c. Camp Ayoho
4. Tax abatements for November 2009 totaling \$5,214.78 with additions of \$7,014.53
5. Resolution awarding contract for window fabrication and replacement at 1675 Flat River Road for Human Services Department
6. Resolution authorizing the Town manager to engage MGD & Associates' services to apply for available Energy Stimulus Funds and administer such funds to completion of all applicable Town projects.
7. Resolution adopting the Budget Calendar for submission of the 2010/2011 fiscal year budget

Motion made by Frank Hyde seconded by Ken Cloutier to remove Items #2, #5, and #6, to be dealt with individually. All voted Aye.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Frank Hyde to approve #1, #3, #4, and #7. All voted aye.

Councilman Shibley sought to confirm with the clerk that Private Detective applicant has complied with all necessary requirements. Town Clerk responded that he has complied. Motion made by Councilman Shibley seconded by Vice-President Flanagan to grant license renewal. All voted aye.

Councilman Hyde asked for clarification of the costs associated with Item #5 awarding contract for window fabrication and replacement at 1675 Flat River Road for the Human Services Department and Item #6 engaging MGD & Associates Services to apply for available Energy Stimulus Funds and to administer such funds to completion of all applicable Town projects.

Human Services Director Pat Shurtleff and Manager Hoover explained that funds for windows were encumbered from last year's budget. Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Frank Hyde to award contract for window fabrication and replacement at 1675 Flat River Road for Human Services Department. All voted aye.

Manager Hoover explained the costs associated with engaging MGD & Associates to apply for available Energy Stimulus Funds, the town has already received \$134,000 Manager Hoover proposes hiring a consultant to administer that grant. We were notified that we would be eligible for another \$195,273 on one grant and \$21,834 on another. The total cost of the consultant is \$38,967, all of which will be taken out of the grant funds. The consultant along with Planner Paul Sprague and DPW Superintendent Dennis Smith were instrumental in obtaining the grant.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Frank Hyde to authorize the Town Manager to engage MGD & Associates to apply for available Energy Stimulus Funds and administer such funds to completion of all applicable Town projects. All voted aye.

#### PUBLIC HEARING AND ENSUING ACTION

#### Ordinance pertaining to the number of mobile home units that may be licensed in the Town of Coventry

Manager Hoover explained that the proposed ordinance removes a portion of the current ordinance pertaining to the allocation of units in mobile home parks. In the future if the Town Council wishes to adjust the number of units in a particular park, they can do so by resolution once this ordinance is put into effect.

Originally, there was a request from John Assalone to add 20 units to Westwood Estates. Mr. Assalone wanted to borrow some units from another park, as far as allocation. Paul Sprague has done exhaustive research, all the way back to the ordinance that was passed back in the 1970's. This is based on a decennial census which allowed using a bonafide census number. Based on the 2005 calculations, we actually can calculate how many units we are allowed to have in Coventry. I can tell you that the allocation for all of the parks totaled up equals that particular limit from the 2005 census, so essentially if you wanted to add to any of the parks now, you would have to wait until the next census, and we should get preliminary figures next month.

Vice-President Flanagan asked that if this ordinance is enacted now, what would prohibit mobile park owners from going over allocations. Manager Hoover responded that even if it is enacted, there is still a restriction of 30 per thousand. Allotments and allowed amounts are based on census.

Mr. Assalone stated that he will not come before the Council until the next census is out. However, in his situation, that the lots are existing, and he would not be adding any more roads.

Councilman Cloutier asked how apportionment would be decided; Manager Hoover explained this would be done by resolution.

As there was no further comment, a motion was made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Frank Hyde to adopt ordinance. All voted aye.

Public Comment – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a) (2)

Session pertaining to litigation

Solicitor Rogers announced that Executive Session deals with an update regarding the status of Commerce Park litigation.

Motion made by Glen Shibley seconded by Laura Flanagan to go into Executive Session, at 7:35 p.m. All voted aye.

Motion made by Laura Flanagan seconded by Glen Shibley to adjourn executive session and seal minutes. All voted Aye.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Clerk