

**Town of East Greenwich
Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2013 @ 7:00pm**

Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Town Council Present: Michael B. Isaacs, President; Jeffrey B. Cianciolo, Vice President; Bradford C. Bishop, Councilor; Mark Watkins Gee, Councilor; Michael S. Kiernan, Councilor (arrived at 7:45pm)

Town Staff Present: Leigh A. Botello, Town Clerk; Kathleen Raposa, Finance Director; Joseph Duarte, Public Works Director; Lisa Bourbonnais, Planning Director; Thomas E. Coyle, III., Chief of Police; Catherine Bradley, Parks and Recreation Director; Wendy Schmidle, Information Technology Director; Erin McAndrew, Senior and Human Services, Director

Call to Order – Michael B. Isaacs, President

President Isaacs called the meeting to order at 7:12pm, followed by introducing Representative Anthony Giarrusso, former Police Chief Dave Desjarlais, former Police Captain Bill Higgins, former Council Member Richard Buonaiuto and David Green, School Committee Chair.

Posting of Colors – East Greenwich Police Department and East Greenwich Fire Department

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag – Thomas E. Coyle, III

Invocation – Reverend Bernard A. Healy, Our Lady of Mercy

Acknowledgements

VP Cianciolo moved to approve the commendations and promotions, seconded by Councilor Bishop. Voted 4-0 all in favor (with Councilor Kiernan being absent), motion carried.

- Commendation for Chief of Police, Thomas E. Coyle III – Michael B. Isaacs, President

President Isaacs read the commendation to the assembly and presented it to Chief Coyle. Lieutenant Stanley Cirella and Lieutenant Robert Siple presented him with a shadow box keepsake on behalf of the men and women of the East Greenwich Police Department and the local police union.

- Swearing In of Town Manager, Thomas E. Coyle III – Honorable Daniel A. Procaccini and remarks by Michael B. Isaacs, President

Judge Procaccini delivered the Oath of Office to Mr. Coyle and following comments by President Isaacs explaining why Council chose Mr. Coyle, he was presented with a Certificate of Appointment. He delivered a heartfelt acceptance speech.

- Promotions for East Greenwich Police Department – Thomas E. Coyle, III, Town Manager and Leigh A. Botello, Town Clerk
 - Tyler Lufkin to Sergeant
 - Robert Siple to Lieutenant

Mr. Coyle explained the promotion process. Each officer's accomplishments were read to the assembly, Town Clerk Botello delivered the Oath of Office and they were pinned by their wives.

- Swearing In of Fire Fighters – Russell McGillivray, Acting Fire Chief and Leigh A. Botello, Town Clerk
 - Prob. FF Matthew Howard
 - Prob. FF. Christian Hall

Acting Fire Chief Russell McGillivray called each officer individually and Town Clerk Botello delivered the Oath of Office. Firefighter Hall was pinned by his father and Firefighter Howard was pinned by his wife.

- Commendations for Fire Department – Russell McGillivray, Acting Fire Chief
 - Lt. Michael Sullivan
 - Lt. Robert Gardner
 - FF. Jonathan Szerlag
 - FF. Anthony Deluca
 - Prob. FF. Matthew Howard

Acting Fire Chief Russell McGillivray explained that these gentlemen had to leave the meeting to attend to a call. He provided details on the reason for the commendation where these men went above and beyond the call of duty to assist a patient who was seeking emergency assistance but lived out of Town.

President Isaacs called for a recess.

Following the recess, Council reconvened at 8:25pm to address regular business matters.

1) Town Council Minutes

- a) October 28, 2013 (Regular Meeting)
- b) November 4, 2013 (Special Meeting)

VP Cianciolo moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilor Bishop. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

2) Reports and Communication

- a) Public Comment (15-minute time limit for items NOT on the agenda)

None

3) Public Hearing

- a) RENEWAL of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses with Victualing including Entertainment and New Year's Eve Extended Hours from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014.

There were no public comments. A discussion was had on taxes due to the State Division of Taxation and establishments expected to have New Year's entertainment licenses. Licenses should not be renewed for any establishment that is past due and applicants are subject to closure effective December 1st.

VP Cianciolo moved to approve restaurants for renewal of alcoholic beverage, victualing and entertainment licenses subject to required inspections excluding any that owe town taxes or that has not been issued clearance by the State Division of Taxation, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

4) Consent Calendar

- a) RENEWAL of Victualing Licenses from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014.

VP Cianciolo moved to approve the renewal of victualing licenses subject to all inspections with the exception of any establishments that owe Town taxes, seconded by Councilor Bishop. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- b) RENEWAL of Jukebox/Mechanical Devices Licenses from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014.

VP Cianciolo moved to approve the renewal of jukebox/mechanical devices licenses, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- c) Application for Class F Alcoholic Beverage License for the Varnum Continentals Beer Tasting Fundraiser on November 23, 2013.

VP Cianciolo moved to approve the application, seconded by Councilor Bishop. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- d) Realignment of term dates and limits for the Affordable Housing Commission.

VP Cianciolo moved to realign the term dates and term limits as suggested by the Town Clerk: Kathy Gray with a current term to expire August 24, 2015; Marie Hennedy with a current term to expire January 26, 2014 and William Daly with a current term to expire August 24, 2015, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

5) Unfinished Business

None

6) New Business

- a) Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance adopted July 25, 2000 as amended to change the zone from F-1 Farm to CH Commercial Highway for Map 31, Plat 17, Lot 10 to accommodate the development known as “The Commons at Frenchtown Road” (FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION).

VP Cianciolo moved to introduce on first reading and set for public hearing at the first meeting in December, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- b) Ordinance amending Chapter 34 of the Town Code entitled “Boards, Committees and Commissions, Article X, East Greenwich Historic Cemetery Advisory Committee” as previously adopted on September 9, 2013 (FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION).

This amendment will correct discrepancies in the original ordinance with regard to the number of terms and number of appointees as well as change the name from Committee to Commission. VP Cianciolo moved to introduce on first reading and set for public hearing on November 25th, seconded by Councilor Bishop. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

c) RI DEM Grant Applications

VP Cianciolo moved to approve the submittal of a 50/50 matching, RI DEM Small Grant application of \$52,000 for constructing a shade structure with picnic tables at the Barbara Tufts playground, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

VP Cianciolo moved to approve the submittal of a 50/50 matching, RI DEM Small Grant application of \$15,000 for renovating the Academy Courts, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

VP Cianciolo moved to approve the re-submittal of a 50/50 matching, RI DEM Large Grant application of \$990,000 for the prior-submitted project: McHale Property Phase I (cross country/nature trails). If the 2013 grant is not funded then the Town will continue to support the 2011 awarded grant, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

d) Appointments to Boards and Commissions

i. Historic Cemetery Advisory Committee

- (1) Initial 3-year term beginning December 1, 2013 and expiring November 30, 2016

Councilor Bishop moved to appoint Gene Dumas to an initial 3- year term beginning December 1, 2013 and expiring November 30, 2016, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

(2) Initial 3-year term beginning December 1, 2013 and expiring November 30, 2016

Councilor Gee moved to appoint Deron Murphy to an initial 3-year term beginning December 1, 2013 and expiring November 30, 2016, seconded by Councilor Bishop. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

(3) Initial 2-year term beginning December 1, 2013 and expiring November 30, 2015

Councilor Gee moved to appoint Chris Feisthamel to an initial 2-year term beginning December 1, 2013 and expiring November 30, 2015, seconded by Councilor Bishop. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

ii. Cove Commission

(1) 3-year term expiring July 1, 2016 (vacancy for regular member)

Councilor Bishop moved to appoint Nicole Rainville to the Cove Commission for a 3-year term expiring July 1, 2016, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

iii. Zoning Board of Review

(1) 1-year term expiring July 1, 2014 (vacancy for alternate member)

Councilor Bishop moved to appoint William DiStefano to the Zoning Board for a 1-year term expiring July 1, 2014, seconded by Councilor Gee. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

7) Town Manager's Report

Mr. Coyle has been meeting with EMA officials on storm preparations. Budgets are being submitted by Department Heads on November 25th. Expenditures and revenues have been exchanged with the School Department.

8) Council Comments

Councilors discussed Item 6c again at the request of Councilor Kiernan.

President Isaacs acknowledged Senator Lou Raptakis.

9) Public Comment (15-minute time limit)

None

10) Executive Session per RIGL §42-46-5 (a) (2) pertaining to litigation or collective bargaining

a) Update of Fire District Impact Tax Litigation

b) North End Realty

There was no motion for Executive Session.

Councilor Gee moved to adjourn at 8:55pm, seconded by VP Cianciolo. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Leigh A. Botello, CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL NOVEMBER 25, 2013