

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH**

**TOWN COUNCIL**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 13, 2017**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on December 13, 2017. Present were Mark Tourgee, Linda Rekas Sloan, Robert Andrews, Mark Boyer and Thomas Mulcahey. Also present Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo.

**A. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 P.M.**

Council President Tourgee called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council President Tourgee welcomed Boy Scout Troop 35.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA - All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Town Council and may be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Council so requests, in which event the item will be removed from Consent Agenda consideration and considered in sequential order**

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

**I. MINUTES**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2017

**II. REPORTS**

**(THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.)**

1. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2017
2. POLICE DEPT. REPORT - NOVEMBER, 2017
3. PLANNER’S OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT- NOVEMBER, 2017
4. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2017

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

**(THE FOLLOWING CORRESPONDENCE IS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL.)**

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1. WEST GREENWICH LAND TRUST - MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2017
2. WEST GREENWICH CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2017
3. COPY OF LETTER FROM: RIDOT  
TO: KEVIN BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
RE: NOTICE OF VICTORY HIGHWAY BRIDGE
4. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
FROM: JOHN PACHECO, BURRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
RE: SUPPORT IN OPPOSITION OF PROPOSED POWER PLANT
5. COPY OF EMAIL TO: SENATOR RAPTAKIS  
FROM: TERRENCE GRAY, DEM  
RE: BUHRE WETLANDS PERMIT, WEAVER HILL ROAD
6. COPY OF LETTER TO: TOWN COUNCIL  
FROM: JAMES H. ERINAKES, II  
RE: INCIDENT AT SCHOOL
7. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
FROM: T.P. SCHWARTZ-BARCOTT  
RE: “KITS CORNER” – WEAVER HILL ROAD
8. POSTING FOR: HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE  
FROM: EDWARD F. BRIGGS DISPOSAL, INC.
9. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
FROM: RUSS CRAVEN, FIELD REPRESENTATIVE, INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE, INC.  
NOVEMBER 15, 2017  
RE: PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION, LAKE MISHNOCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

**IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLE**

1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SPECIFIC UNCOLLECTABLE  
AND VOTE REGARDING SAME - NOVEMBER, 2017

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<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<b><u>ABATEMENTS</u></b>			
05-0001-02	809 NOOSENECK ASSOCIATES	\$10,733.80	24
02-0031-86	BALAGANI, VENKAT	\$3,607.51	24
12-0027-62	LAMBERT, KEVIN	\$5,561.64	24
12-0175-11	LEONCZYK, ANDREW	\$8,902.74	27
16-0288-88	PROULX, JASON	\$289.79	04
19-0258-88	STEINER, MICHELLE	\$55.67	02
20-0111-24	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST (REFUND)	\$69.24	04
		<u>\$29,220.39</u>	
<b><u>ADDITIONS</u></b>			
05-0001-02	809 NOOSENECK ASSOCIATES	\$9,324.43	24
02-0031-86	BALAGANI, VENKAT	\$2,647.15	24
12-0027-62	LAMBERT, KEVIN	\$5,259.11	24
12-0175-11	LEONCZYK, ANDREW	\$6,944.14	27
16-0288-88	PROULX, JASON	\$826.63	04
		<u>\$25,001.46</u>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE LOSS</b>		<b>\$4,218.93</b>	

**V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT**

1. RECEIPT OF CHECK SUMMARY REPORT FOR  
MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2017  
FROM TOWN TREASURER

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

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**1. DISCUSSION & PRESENTATION BY TOWN AUDITOR OF DRAFT FINANCIAL AUDIT FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

The Town's auditor, Jeff Wadovick and Michael Olson of Nadeau and Wadovick, presented the preliminary draft of the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Discussion ensued on reserve rates.

Discussion ensued on school impact on the municipal budget.

Discussion ensued on the Bond.

Discussion ensued on tax rates.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the Liquor Licensing Board. Councilman Boyer seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

**2. LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD**

**DISCUSSION & VOTE ON REQUESTS FOR 2:00 A.M. CLOSING – NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**A. THE NUTZ ON NOOSENECK, LLC – TAVERN ON THE HILL – 809 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD**

**B. M&J ENTERPRISES – THE WOODS TAVERN – 45 NOOSENECK HILL ROAD**

**C. THE MISHNOCK BARN – 200 MISHNOCK ROAD**

Chief Ramsay stated there were no issues last year with any of the establishments.

Councilman Boyer moved to approve the request of Tavern on the Hill, The Woods Tavern, and Mishnock Barn for 2 A.M. closing on December 31, 2017. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

Councilman Mulcahey moved to adjourn as the Liquor Licensing Board and reconvene as the Town Council. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

**3. DISCUSSION & VOTE ON FIRST AMENDMENT LOAN AGREEMENT WITH RI INFRASTRUCTURE BANK F/K/A RI CLEAN WATER FINANCE AGENCY REGARDING THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

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Town Solicitor Ursillo explained this loan was taken out years ago at a low interest rate and the Town did not need the original fund amount within the agreement. He further explained that it would reduce the amount of the loan and make this funding available to other communities.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the First Amendment Loan Agreement with RI Infrastructure Bank F/K/A RI Clean Water Finance Agency regarding the General Obligation Bond as proposed.

Councilman Boyer seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

**4. DISCUSSION & VOTE ON SETTING DATES FOR REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2018**

Council President Tourgee reviewed the proposed dates.

Discussion ensued on dates and it was noted Council President Tourgee and Town Administrator Breene had a conflict with the regular January date.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to approve the following dates for regular Town Council meetings in 2018: January 17, February 14, March 7, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 5, October 10, November 7 and December 12.

Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

**5. DISCUSSION & VOTE ON APPOINTMENTS OF NEGOTIATING TEAM FOR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS LOCAL 517**

Council President Tourgee noted two members would need to sit on the negotiation committee with International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 517.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan volunteered.

Council President Tourgee also stated he would serve.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to appoint Council Vice President Rekas Sloan and Council President Tourgee to serve on the negotiating committee for contract renewal with International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local 517. Councilman Boyer seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

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**6. DISCUSSION & VOTE ON RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR \$75,000 TO IMPLEMENT HOUSING REHABILITATION WITH THE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Town Administrator Breene stated the coordinator Geoffrey Marchant who handled CDBG is retiring and stated he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He further explained that this is housing aid to help with septic and roofs etc. and explained the federal funding source.

Discussion ensued on the reimbursement and who allocated the funds.

Council President Tourgee explained the fear on taking HUD money in the past.

Councilman Andrews questioned how Residents would obtain information about funding. Town Administrator Breene explained notice is available through Geoff Marchant and Margaret Gartelman.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to authorize the Resolution pertaining to the application for \$75,000 to implement housing and rehabilitation with the Office of Housing and Community Development. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

**7. DISCUSSION & VOTE ON RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CDBG PROGRAM AND THE FUTURE OF CONSORTIUM**

Town Administrator Breene explained the consortium and Geoff Marchant was the director of the Community Development Block Grant. He further explained the history of this Grant.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to continue the Resolution regarding the CDBG Program to the January meeting.

Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

**8. DISCUSSION & VOTE ON PROPOSAL BY RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION ON FOREIGN TRADE ZONE**

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to endorse the application by Rhode Island Commerce Corporation on Foreign Trade Zone. Councilman Boyer seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

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**G. PUBLIC FORUM**

No Public comment.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to adjourn at 7:39 P.M. Councilman Andrews seconded.

VOTED: Tourgee- aye, Rekas Sloan - aye, Andrews - aye, Boyer- aye, Mulcahey - aye

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC**

**TOWN CLERK**