

**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**

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**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 7, 2018**

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on March 7, 2018. Present were Mark Tourgee, Linda Rekas Sloan, Robert Andrews, Thomas Mulcahey and Mark Boyer. Also present Town Administrator Kevin Breene.

**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. MOMENT OF SILENCE – MADELEINE L. BRIGGS**  
**MOMENT OF SILENCE – MELVIN BAKER**  
**MOMENT OF SILENCE – STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL PARKLAND FLORIDA**

It was suggested the moment of silence be held at next months meeting due to lack of attendance.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were read.

**E. 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 requested Correspondence Item 7 be pulled for further consideration.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence Item 7 pulled for further consideration. Councilman Boyer seconded.

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

**I. MINUTES**

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2018
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION- FEBRUARY 14, 2018(SEALED)

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**II. REPORTS**

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

1. TOWN CLERK REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2018
2. POLICE DEPT. REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2018
3. BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2018
4. PLANNING DEPT. MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2018
5. TAX OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY, 2018

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

1. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2017
2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 4, 2018
3. LAND TRUST – MINUTES OF MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2018
4. COPY OF NOTICE TO: MARK TOURGEE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
FROM: STATE PLANNING COUNCIL  
RE: STATE PLANNING COUNCIL QUADRENNIAL FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW
5. COPY OF INVITATION TO: WEST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL  
FROM: HIANLOLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
RE: APPRECIATION DINNER
6. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, WEST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL  
FROM: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
RE: FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
8. COPY OF LETTER TO: MARK TOURGEE, TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
FROM: UNKNOWN  
FEBRUARY 22, 2018  
RE: PLOW EXPERIENCE
9. COPY OF LETTER TO: ANNETTE FELDMAN, DIRECTOR LOUTTIT LIBRARY  
FROM: BRYAN J. MURRAY, THE TRUST  
FEBRUARY 23, 2018  
RE: SAFETY ENHANCEMENT GRANT

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- 10. COPY OF MEMBERSHIP REQUEST TO JOIN MONARCH CITY USA
- 11. COPY OF NOTICE OF A SOCRATES CAFÉ  
RE: A COMMUNITY SEMINAR AND AN INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY FOR ADULTS

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

- 1. REQUEST OF TAX ASSESSOR/TAX COLLECTOR FOR SPECIFIC UNCOLLECTABLES  
AND VOTE REGARDING SAME – FEBRUARY, 2018

**MARCH**

<b><u>ACCT #</u></b>	<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>CODE</u></b>
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**ABATEMENTS**

13-0242-39	MCINTYRE, LYNNE (2017)	\$ 42.55	02
13-0242-39	MCINTYRE, LYNNE (2016)	\$ 95.77	02

**V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT**

- 1. RECEIPT OF CHECK SUMMARY REPORT FOR  
MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2018  
FROM TOWN TREASURER

The following item from the Consent Agenda was considered:

- 7. COPY OF LETTER TO: KEVIN A. BREENE, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
FROM: MAYOR DONALD GREBIEN  
FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
RE: ONLINE PERMITTING

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan questioned if grant funding was available for E-Permitting.

Town Administrator Breene explained rural communities were not in favor of the E-Permitting for the funding is not continual and you also lose the personal touch and information regarding projects. He stated he would have Building Official Tacey write a memo explaining the E-Permitting concerns.

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**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. FIRST READING ON A REQUEST FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP AND ZONING ORDINANCE MAP AMENDMENT AS SUBMITTED BY VICTORY SOL LLC TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTIES LOCATED ON PLAT 14, LOTS 5&7 AND A PORTION OF LOT 8 FROM "INDUSTRIAL A" TO "RURAL, FARMING, RESIDENTIAL 2 ACRE"**

Town Administrator Breene advised that this project was previously reviewed by the Planning Board and Town Council at a joint meeting held last month. They are looking at rezoning a 35 acre parcel from Industrial A to RFR-2 with a 25 year reversion clause.

A Resident from Robin Hollow Road questioned the stance of the Town Council on the project.

Council President Tourgee explained concern with the budget and marketing the property due to the lack of utilities.

Town Administrator Breene discussed an article regarding solar utility.

The Resident from Robin Hollow Road stated concerns with impact on wetlands, time of construction and the effects of the aquifer.

Councilman Boyer and Town Administrator Breene discussed the history of the land and the project.

Discussion ensued on the water table and the abutting property.

Council President Tourgee stated the Council receives advisory opinions from other boards that will be reviewing this specific project.

Discussion ensued on the review of the project.

Council President Tourgee commented on the other potential uses of the property.

Discussion ensued on benefits of the site and concerns with other industries.

Discussion ensued on the process of the project.

Town Administrator Breene advised the resident to attend the Conservation Commission meeting being held tomorrow. He stated that board will certainly review any environmental concerns.

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The Resident from Robin Hollow thanked the Council for their time and stated he was just trying to understand the project and process.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to constitute First Reading on the request for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment as submitted by Victory Sol LLC to change the designation of the properties located on Plat 14, Lots 5&7 and a portion of Lot 8 from Industrial A to Rural, Farming, Residential 2 Acre and set the date for the Public Hearing to April 11, 2018. Councilman Boyer seconded.

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

- 2. FIRST READING ON A PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING LIMITED USE SOLAR POWER UTILITY**
- 3. FIRST READING ON A ZONE CHANGE AMENDMENT REGARDING CONDITIONS OF AP 6 LOT 21-6**

Town Administrator Breene suggested it would be beneficial to take these two items in conjunction.

Town Administrator Breene explained this would allow for limited solar by special use permit.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to constitute First Reading on a Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding Limited Solar Power Utility and Zone Change Amendment regarding conditions of AP 6 Lot 21-6 and set the date for the Public Hearings for April 11, 2018. Councilman Boyer seconded.

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

- 4. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON H 7518 RELATING TO PAYMENT OF POLICE TRAINING**

Town Administrator Breene advised this Bill was put in by Representative Roberts. This would allow the Town to be reimbursed for Police Training, if a Police Officer is hired by another municipality within 5 years.

Discussion ensued on the issue.

It was the general consensus of the Council they were in support of H 7518.

**G. PUBLIC FORUM**

Councilman Boyer commented on the need to have a plan in place before the development of Exit 5. He further explained concerns with traffic as projects are developed in that area with Route 95 on and off ramps.

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Town Administrator Breene explained the meeting held on Tuesday with RIDOT and discussion on safety issues with the recent accidents in the area.

Discussion ensued on the issue.

It was noted there was no need to hold Executive Session.

**H. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1. PURSUANT TO RIGL 42-46-5, (A), 6 DISCUSSION RELATED TO A PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS LOCATING IN THE TOWN WHERE AN OPEN MEETING WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC INTEREST**

Councilman Andrews moved to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Council Vice President Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

**ERIN F. LIESE, CMC**

**TOWN CLERK**