

TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH

TOWN COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 11, 2018

A regular meeting of the West Greenwich Town Council was held on April 11, 2018. Present were Mark Tourgee, Linda Rekas Sloan, Robert Andrews, and Thomas Mulcahey. Also present Town Administrator Kevin Breene and Town Solicitor Amy Goins.

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**

Town Administrator Breene commented on the service of Madeleine Briggs and Melvin Baker.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to set a blank page aside to honor Madeleine L. Briggs and Melvin Baker. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

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D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Tourgee read the following announcements: after several months of meetings and negotiations involving Amgen, Rhode Island Commerce and the Town, we are happy to report that Amgen has agreed to expand their facility here in WG. A new 160 million dollar state-of-the-art next-generation bio-manufacturing plant will begin construction shortly and will employ at least 150 people. The full news article can be found on the Town's website.

Town Administrator Breene advised that Amgen pays 18-20% of the taxes and this decision to expand fortifies that they would stay here.

Council President Tourgee continued with the following announcements: Centerville Bank has once again generously sponsored our Summer Concert Series and Celebrate West Greenwich Day with donations of \$2,000 and \$2,500 respectively. We appreciate their investment in our community.

The rabies clinic for cats, dogs & ferrets is scheduled for April 22nd from 10 am until Noon in the Highway Garage - behind Town Hall. The cost is \$10 - CASH ONLY. Please make sure animals are caged or leashed. It is dog license renewal time. Please see the Town's website for details.

This past Sunday the Land Trust held their very well attended Annual Silent Auction Dinner at the Mishnock Barn with over 200 people in attendance. The Land Trust will be sponsoring the annual EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP on Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 am to noon. Please meet at the town hall pavilion by 8:30. Gloves, t-shirts and bags will be supplied.

Hank Webster, Land Trust advised on the Conservation Commission clean up and stated they meet at Exit 6A.

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

Councilman Andrews requested Item 8 to be pulled for further consideration.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Correspondence Item 8 pulled for further consideration. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

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I. MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2018
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 7, 2018
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2018
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2018

II. REPORTS

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

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2018
2. CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2018
3. COPY OF EMAIL TO: DANIELLE ANDREWS, TOWN TREASURER
FROM: JOHN KROM, SCHOOL COUNSELOR, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
MARCH 5, 2018
RE: EWG SCHOLARSHIPS
4. COPY OF REIMBURSEMENT
FROM: BEACON MUTUAL INSURANCE
JANUARY 31, 2018
RE: REBATE FOR LIMITED CLAIMS
5. COPY OF INVITATION TO: WEST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR HENRY F. WINTHROP
FEBRUARY 26, 2018
RE: INVITATION TO 62ND ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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- 6. COPY OF NOTICE TO: TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
FROM: TOWN OF EXETER
MARCH 16, 2018
RE: EXETER PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING REGULATIONS, SECTION 2.4
- 7. COPY OF NOTICE TO: TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
FROM: TOWN OF EXETER
MARCH 16, 2018
RE: EXETER PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING REGULATIONS, WIND ENERGY
- 9. LAND TRUST – MINUTES OF MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2018

IV. ADDITIONS, ABATEMENTS, REBATES & UNCOLLECTABLE

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

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

01-0227-08	ANDREWS, PATRICIA	\$ 29.25	05
08-0112-68	HAYDEN, ASHLEY	\$ 535.09	08
13-0340-51	MILLER, WILLIAM	\$ 1,263.47	24

ADDITIONS

01-0227-08	ANDREWS, PATRICIA	\$ 21.89	05
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TOTAL REVENUE LOST: 1805.92

V. CHECK SUMMARY REPORT

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

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E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

2. PUBLIC HEARING-

DISCUSSION AND VOTE 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" (This Item was taken first for order)

Council President Tourgee advised on the review process completed by Victory Sol and commented on the effects of state and federal aid.

Tourgee advised that this project is in a gravel bank and this is not clearing the land.

Council President Tourgee further advised that this project is going in a gravel bank; where the previous owner was N. Marsocci and had the land dug out. He stated that the property has no road frontage and they have been able to sell off frontage to a company who makes batter mix and the possibility of a greenhouse facility.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan stated for clarification tonight's meeting is regarding the Zone change and not the project development.

Town Administrator Breene reiterated again this meeting was for the zone change

Attorney John Paglairini, present for the applicant advised this is the third time they have appeared before the Town Council and they have also gone been before the Planning Board. They have received a positive opinion from the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. He also advised that this is a similar project as Leyden's Christmas Tree; which was a well received project. As President Tourgee stated this was a blighted site and the limitation have always been water, sewer and gas. He stated 19 acres was sold with street frontage to a company moving from Warwick that will bring 50 employees. They are currently in negotiations with a hydroponic company that will bring 150 employees to the site. He advised they did a site visit with the Planning Board plus neighbors from the Robin Hollow Road area and greatest concern was not to bring down high tension wires and power down Robin Hollow. He stated the only access from Robin Hollow is for fire emergency personnel.. He further explained the review of the project and that this will be considered a major land development project that will be reviewed from the Planning Board. He advised on the solar panel structures, inverters and site reclamation. He discussed the following benefits of the site: upgrading the electricity to the site, natural gas and improving the 80 acres of waist land. He advised on the power pack agreements with a few municipalities and the University of Rhode Island. He stated their will be a 200 foot vegetation

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buffer from abutting properties and the panels will not be visible from the road. He discussed the potential to change the traffic pattern on Route 102 and Barnett Lane. He stated today, they are before the board to change the Future Land Use and Zone Map from Industrial A to RFR 2. Proposed is to be recorded a deed covenant and no residential will be placed on the property, the initial power agreement is for 25 years with option for two, five year extensions. The land will revert back to Industrial A or Commercial Industrial.

Council President Tourgee stated concern with access to Robin Hollow. Attorney Pagliarini stated the only access will be fire and rescue personal. He also advised the property will be monitored by video surveillance, to prevent trespassers.

Town Administrator Breene advised the high tension wires are similar to telephone wires.

Chris Vaccaro, 310 Robin Hollow Road stated he was not informed and no one came by his house and questioned if there are any residential benefits.

Discussion ensued on notice to neighbors.

Town Administrator Breene advised the residential land use is returning from a previous project. Currently if someone else was to buy the land for residential purposes the access would be from Robin Hollow Road.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan questioned if the section of RFR 2 land was bought how many houses could be built. Town Administrator Breene advised there is the potential for 35-45 houses. He also stated worse case scenario, if someone wanted to go for comprehensive housing permit then low moderate houses with greater density could be built for under those permits, zoning does not count and potentially houses could be built on ¼ acre lots.

Vaccaro further stated he had not met with Planning Board on the site visit.

Attorney Pagliarini advised on the notice and future notice to abutters regarding the project development.

Mr. Ebbs, Victory SOL stated he would be happy to come out again to meet with the residents.

Susan Harrall, 278 Robin Hollow Road stated concern with stone walls being disrupted and they also did not receive notice on the site visit.

Solicitor Goins stated pre application notice is not required and notice will occur at the next stage of review.

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Ted Borges, 197 Robin Hollow stated Frank Ebbs did reach out to those who could be reached and toured the gravel bank. He also advised Frank has been forth coming on the project and their was a informal reach out. He advised during this Planning process there has been quite a bit of contact from the developer and a meeting with neighbors from Robin Hollow was held to share the concerns and he encouraged neighbors to reach out.

Attorney Pagliarini stated they will avoid stone walls and the road will be a minimum maintained gravel road and they will build the road per specifications of the Fire Department; however they have no intention on a paved road.

Council President Tourgee stated those that stay for the remainder of the meeting will see that taxes will be going up a million dollars due to the school budget and loss of state aid. The Council does not want to change the character of the town, and they could not standby and watch the property go in to the Estate with the potential of 40 -100 houses being built; for it will explode our school budget. He advised DEM wanted to buy the property and State was going to be a motor sport park for ATV and big four wheel trucks.

Town Administrator Breene further explained DEM intent to purchase the land for an ATV park.

Council President Tourgee stated they asked the applicant to be as transparent as possible and he also commented every resident wants to be the last person in town and tax dollars cannot handle another major subdivision on Robin Hollow and this was a better use than the previous gravel bank, with 30 trucks a day going in and out of the site.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan explained this is a conceptual discussion and this is the first step to go forward in the process is the zone change.

Kathy Lavey, 2 Blueberry Heights, questioned how close the site will be to Blueberry Heights. Attorney Pagliarini advised on the location and further explained they tried to buy the abutting RI Housing Land; however they wanted to sell it for 3 million and they have previously bought it for \$14,000.

Adriane Knott, Robin Hollow stated he was glad to see the crowd and has confidence in the Town Council

Councilman Mulcahey moved to close the Public Hearing on Victory SOL zone change request.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to approve an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map designation of Plat 14, Lots 5 & 7 and a portion of Lot 8 from "Industrial

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A" to "Rural, Farming, Residential 2 Acre", for a proposed Solar Power Utility. The parcel is located on Victory Highway and is approximately 70.49 acres.

The Town Council's decision to approve the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Zoning Ordinance Map amendment is based on the following:

Findings of Fact

1. The subject property is presently zoned Industrial A and is the site of a former gravel bank.
2. The subject property is immediately adjacent to Plat 14, Lot1-3, 7, 15-6, which is zoned Rural, Farming, Residential, 2 Acre.
3. The Applicant proposes to install and operate a large Solar Power Utility and the land is generally suited to the proposed use
4. Renewable energy would be a compatible land use activity.
5. On March 19, 2018, the Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map amendment.
6. The proposed Zoning Map amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and specifically accords with the following Goals and Policies:
 - a. Economic Development Element Goal G#3: Encourage compatible activities that complement the rural character of the Town based on the independent principle of self – reliance.
 - b. Policy P.14: Encourage, restricted commercial development appropriate to a site in consideration of environmental factors.
 - c. Policy P.21: that calls for re-evaluating land at the Cloverleaf for its potential to incorporate natural resource based commercial activity.

The Town Council's decision to approve the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map and Zoning Ordinance Map amendment is subject to the following conditions:

1. Residential uses shall not be permitted on the property. The Owner of the property shall record a Deed Restriction acknowledging this condition.
2. The zoning classification for the property will revert to Industrial A when the solar use of the property terminates, or 35 years from the commencement of solar operations after the completion of construction, whichever occurs first. The Owner of the property shall record an acknowledgement of this condition.
3. A two hundred foot (200') buffer from existing residential properties on Robin Hollow Road shall be installed/maintained. The Owner of the property shall record an acknowledgement of this condition.
4. Upon the commencement of solar operations after the completion of construction, there will be no access to the solar power utility project from Robin Hollow Road, excepting emergency equipment access. The Owner of the property shall record an acknowledgement of this condition.

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5. Each of the above conditions shall be annotated as a note on the recorded plan and shall be recorded in the West Greenwich Land Evidence Records as a Deed of Easement from the Owner in favor of the Town.

Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

A brief recess was taken.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING-
DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON A PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING
LIMITED USE SOLAR POWER UTILITY**

Dave Provonsil, Town Planner stated this item has nothing to do with what was previously discussed. He advised the Council has not addressed this type of power utility in the Ordinance and this would address the Commercial component of solar power use. He also stated they have been approached to utilize solar power in Industrial and commercial zones. However, he advised on limitations such as: there is higher and better use for Industrial and Commercial property than solar; the limitations on solar being on no more than 4 acres and will encourage some renewable energy in development; and you could not use more than 50% of the buildable area to generate power.

Council President Tourgee questioned the review process. Town Planner Provonsil stated they would still need to go before Zoning and Planning for a special use permit and all abutters will get notice.

Discussion ensued on notice.

Lee Kissinger, Victory Highway questioned why you would eliminate mega watt. Town Planner Provonsil stated if the solar was for your building you would have authority to do so.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to close the Public Hearing on Limited Solar.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Limited Solar Power Utility. The Town Council's decision to approve the amendment adding Use Category No. 4821 A: Limited Solar Power Utility is based on the following:

Findings of Fact

1. On March 19, 2018, the Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the Zoning amendment.
2. Renewable energy systems of this magnitude would not adversely affect the rural character of the Town, nor the tax base potentials.

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3. Siting of the systems shall minimize visual impacts on abutting properties and public roads, and be subject to the Development Plan Review.
4. The proposed changes to the Use Matrix is in conformance with the Land Use and Economic Development Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Town Council's decision to approve the Zoning Ordinance amendment is also based on the following conditions:

1. Limited Solar would be allowed by Special Use Permit in the following zones: RFR-2, Industrial A, and Industrial B.
2. The limits would be as follows:
 - a. No more than 1.0 Megawatt power output capacity
 - b. No more than 4 acres of land or 50% of the buildable area of land of the lot to be used.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan seconded.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING-
DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON A ZONE CHANGE AMENDMENT REGARDING CONDITIONS OF AP 6
LOT 21-6

Town Planner Provonsil explained the history of the zone change amendment regarding conditions of AP 6 Lot 21-6. He further explained the effects this change has on the Comprehensive Plan.

Town Administrator Breene advised he was on the Council when this was approved and commented on the history of the project.

Mike Kent advised he had bought the property and explained his intent to implement commercial development.

Matthew Duska, 23 Valerie Drive stated concerns with the road and buffer of the project.

Council President Tourgee stated this will go before to Zoning and Planning and advised concerns are to be addressed by those boards.

Discussion ensued on review of the project.

Town Administrator Breene advised the road is name after Valerie Greene and at that time, Zoning was not in place and he further advised on the title and management of private roads that was created due to the lack of zoning.

Discussion ensued on private roads.

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Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to close the Public Hearing on Zone Change Amendment regarding Conditions of AP 6 Lot 21-6 Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to approve the Zone Change Amendment regarding Conditions of AP 6, Lot 21-6 based on the following Findings of Fact:

Findings of Fact

1. In October 1989, the Town Council changed the Zoning of the property from RFR-2 to Industrial A.
2. The condition stated if the property is not developed as Commercial Condos, the zoning will revert back to RFR-2.
3. Commercial Condos were eventually approved; however no building construction ever started and the site has been dormant since 2009.
4. On March 19, 2018, the Planning Board voted to recommend eliminating the reversion conditions.
5. Reverting the zoning of the subject parcel to Residential would provide no benefit to the Town.
6. Reverting the zoning from an Industrial A. zone would be in conflict with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan.
7. Maintaining the Industrial A. zone would be in conformance with the Land Use and Economic Development elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

**6. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RENEWAL OF KENNEL LICENSES
(This item was taken out of order)**

Chief Ramsay advised there was not an issue with the renewal of the proposed Kennel License applications.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to approve the renewal of kennel licenses for Sharick Kennel, Jewelset Kennels and Mars Kennel subject to compliance with all local and state ordinances and statues relative to kennel license and payment of taxes. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

**5. FIRST READING ON AN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCES REGARDING TAXATION OF
RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS**

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Tax Assessor Randall advised on the need to adopt an ordinance relative to taxation of renewable energy.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to constitute First Reading on an Ordinance Amendment regarding Taxation of Renewable Energy Systems and set the date for the Public Hearings for May 9, 2018. Councilman Mulcahey seconded.

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

7. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town Administrator Breene advised Dan Novak has retired and advised Melissa Barney has submitted a letter of interest and Cliff Sundelin would be a reappointment.

Sandra Bockes, Conservation Commission questioned the appointment of Barney.

Discussion ensued on Conservation Commission membership.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to reappoint Clifton Sundelin for a three year term and Melissa Barney as an Alternate to the Conservation Commission with a two year term.

Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

8. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON A LIAISON APPOINTMENT TO THE FIRE BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Town Administrator Breene explained that through the budget process they saw the need of a liaison and this appointment would be a non voting member.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to establish and appoint Councilman Mulcahey as a Liaison to the Fire Board of Engineers. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

9. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON BARRINGTON RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO H-7198 AND H-7379 AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS- ARBITRATION- CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

Town Administrator Breene advised that was referred to as the Evergreen Bill.

Council Mulcahey moved to endorse the Barrington Town Resolution regarding H-7198 & H-7379 relating to contractual provisions. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

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10. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GENERAL OBLIGATION REFERENDUM

Town Administrator Breene referred this matter to School Committee member Lee Kissinger.

School Committee member Kissinger advised on conditions of the school and the repairs needed and recommended getting the Bond in place to start the process.

Councilman Andrews questioned if this item would go on the ballot.

Discussion ensued on the funding.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan moved to endorse the EWG School Committee Resolution regarding School Construction General Obligation Referendum. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

11. DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL FINANCIAL ISSUES WITH FRANK MAHER AND LEE KISSINGER

Town Administrator Breene stated Lee Kissinger has been going to many meetings regarding the state funding.

Kissinger explained the funding formula. He advised on effects of free and reduced lunch. He further advised on Public Charter Schools and State Aid given to Charter Schools.

Town Administrator Breene questioned the school lunch program. Kissinger advised that we need to do a better way of managing to qualify regarding reimbursements.

Town Administrator Breene stated frustration with the School Business Manager regarding communication of the funding formula.

Kissinger stated the funding formula is convoluted.

Treasurer Andrews questioned how they would address this concern. Kissinger stated they are revising the formula.

Treasurer Andrews questioned how it would be calculated for the Town of Exeter does not report.

Kissinger advised the numbers were Census driven.

Discussion ensued on funding.

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Frank Maher, Exeter Town Council member stated we need answers to these questions. He further explained the need to form a financial committee similar to what the Chariho district has done to open up communication regarding funding of the school.

Town Administrator Breene questioned who would make up the committee. Maher suggested members from the School Committee, Council members and Residents.

Kissinger advised Chariho is made up from finance folks from each town and the purpose is to share financial information so planning can take place.

Maher advised the towns are bystanders with the majority of funds going to the schools.

It was noted less than 300 people voted for a 32 million dollar budget.

Discussion ensued on the All Day Referendum and budget process.

Council President Tourgee stated they have discussed not taking State Aid for relief of the State mandates and asked Exeter Town Council consider the same.

Discussion ensued on funding.

Solicitor Goins advised their firm represents Bristol; and they can begin researching the process of eliminating the burden regarding State Aid.

Discussion ensued on mandates.

Maher will take back comments and will suggest the formation of a committee.

12. DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL 4771 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS AFL- CIO

Councilman Mulcahey advised that he and Councilman Andrews had renegotiated the contract and the changes were very minimal mostly it was salary change increases to 3%; similar to other contracts and personnel policies within the town.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the three year contract with Local 4771 International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

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1. PUBLIC HEARING-
BUDGET HEARING ON FY 2018/2019 BUDGET

Council President Tourgee advised that this has been a difficult budget process with the school budget going up by 1.3 million and Treasurer Andrews's numbers shows that 68 % of tax dollars are going to the school. He further advised the Council has not raised taxes in 4 years; however they are not able to do that this year.

Treasurer Andrews advised on the following budget allocations of the 20 million dollar budget: Education 68%, Public Safety 15%, General Government 7%, Public Works 6%, and Community & Social Services 4%.

Town Administrator Breene commented on the difficulty with preparation of the budget.

Town Administrator Breene stated 60% of tax payers will pay the same in taxes as they did about ten years ago.

Council President Tourgee commented on the restraints of the budget and the effects it has on public works vehicles.

Public Works Director Wright stated it is a shame when you can't get out to plow roads, because trucks are rotting into the ground, because all the money is going to route 3.

Council President Tourgee stated it is unfortunate the way State Aid is distributed.

Discussion ensued on the budget.

Council Vice President Rekas Sloan questioned the library allocation.

Treasurer Andrews advised on the library budget and Director Feldman's salary was placed in operations.

Discussion ensued on library.

Town Administrator Breene advised on Real Estate Conveyance.

Councilman Mulcahey moved to approve the budget as proposed and present to the voters at the June 4, 2018 Financial Town meeting for adoption. Councilman Andrews seconded

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

The following item was taken from the Consent Agenda for consideration:

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8. COPY OF RECORDED LAND EVIDENCE DOCUMENTS
MARCH 22, 2018
RE: ERNEST E. BUGNET REVOCABLE TRUST

Councilman Andrews asked if the land purchase included house.

Town Administrator Breene advised on Bugnet land purchase and management plan with RIFCO.

G. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment

The Council did not convene in 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 Mulcahey moved to adjourn at 9:43 P.M. Councilman Andrews seconded.

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

ERIN F. LIESE, CMC
TOWN CLERK