

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on October 20th, AD 2011 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske and Gary S. Mataronas. Absent: Robert L. Mushen. Also present: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Tom Dunn, Business Manager.**

**Salute to the Flag.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes from October 6, 2011.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file the Building Official Department Head Reports for July, August and September 2011.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize the Town Council President to sign an agreement for the REAP Phase 4 Program through the RI League of Cities and Towns to partner with Direct Energy for the municipal electrical supply.**

**Donald Gomez, Chairman of the School Committee noted that the School Building Needs Committee and the Town Council have been monitoring the poor drainage situation of the Wastewater Treatment Facility during heavy rain events. Complaints and concerns have been raised by parents over the conditions of the field. Testing has occurred, which has resulted in a few changes to the fresh water drainage system, which flows into the facility. A few low lying drains have been being raised and a drainage line for the maintenance garage has been shut off. Both of these items are for fresh water drainage only and have helped in the overall problem to some extent, but not solved the issue completely. Review and testing is ongoing and will continue. The construction of an egress for the cafeteria may have an impact on the fresh water drainage and will be constructed with this concern in mind. Informational only, no votes.**

**Tom Dunn reported that the Town has benefited from an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant administered by the RI Office of Energy Resources. This grant has allowed the Town to upgrade insulation in the Town Hall. Presently, with the guidance and approval of the RI Office of Energy Resources the Town has received a proposal from our Computer Consultant for the purchase of various computer equipment and peripherals totaling \$20,784. This purchase will be a first step in providing a stable computer environment in the Town Hall and the Public Safety Complex. After a brief discussion the following was voted:**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To allow the Business Manager to purchase various computer equipment and peripherals amounting to \$20,784, including labor for equipment to be installed in the Town Hall and Public Safety Complex; said expense will be reimbursed out of the RI Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant awarded to the Town.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Golembeske, Mataronas) Councilor Bodington abstained: To re-appoint Heather Aubuchon, Fred Bodington, Jr., Fred Bridge and Roger P. Wordell to the Little Compton Municipal Trust for two year terms, which will expire Dec. 1, 2013.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize Councilors Mataronas and Mushen to send an official letter to the State Dept. of Transportation requesting they upgrade or replace the State Boat Launching Ramp at Sakonnet Point due to its present condition.**

**Patrick McHugh, Chairman of the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee brought a recommendation of the RCOS Committee to the Council for potential approval. The RCOS Committee would**

like to apply for grant funding through the RI Dept. of Environmental Management under a Recreational Development Grant. Said grant proposal would be for the repairs necessary to be done to the Peckham Lot to construct a multipurpose field suitable for soccer and lacrosse and create a walking trail between the school and Dunderly Brook Trail. The total to be applied for in grant funds would be \$250,000 of which \$125,000 would be a local match needed broken down to \$93,750 in cash funds and \$31,250 in in-kind services. It is the opinion of the RCOS Committee that this type of grant funding may not be available in the future and the Town needs to act now. An application deadline is November 1. The RCOS Committee has asked the School Committee for financial support having received a vote to support the project without a specific dollar amount or a specific designated fund to assign any particular future funding.

Donald Gomez of the School Department stated that the School is very much in favor of supporting this project and wishes to pursue potential grant funding for the towns matching funds as well as private donations. After a brief discussion the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To support a request made by the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee to apply for a Recreational Development Grant to construct a multipurpose field suitable for soccer and lacrosse and create a walking trail between

**the school and Dunderly Brook Trail with the Town's matching portion to come from the School Department, the Town Council and other potential sources.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To authorize the Treasurer to issue a check to Lt. Antone Marion III in the amount of \$160 per diem for his four days of training scheduled at the International Association of Police Chiefs' Convention.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To allow Richard S. Humphrey to send a letter to the Little Compton Fire Fighters Local 3957, IAFF to respond to their request to bargain as per RIGL 28-9.1-6 for contract year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.**

**At 7:41 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To allow the Town Clerk to advertise for a Remonstrant's Hearing for all applications for the renewal of Beverage Licenses received by her office.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To approve a request to conduct the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5, 2011 at 5 PM in conjunction with the 18th annual Ben Wilkie Memorial Tree Spree.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To distribute to Department Heads a memorandum received from RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust announcing Safety Enhancement Grant Program and Scholarship Program.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To place on file a resolution adopted by the Richmond Town Council concerning the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To write a letter commending Lt. Randall A Watt and FF David Nickerson on their outstanding CPR Recertification Program provided to the School Staff, and to place said letter in their service files.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To acknowledge the Town Solicitors response to a communication received from John Walsh, Asst. Executive Director, National Education Association of RI concerning various municipal employees concerns and to authorize the Solicitor to work with the Town Council President to continue to communicate with NEARI to resolve the issues.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): That the recommendation of the Board of Tax Assessors for the cancellation of the following taxes be granted under Section 44-7-14 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended:**

**Acct/Name Plat/Lot/MV Abatement Value Abatement Year**

**07-0086-00 040/0008-2 \$57,700 \$307.54 2011**

**William M. Gajda**

**02-0376-00 032/0111 \$39,000 \$207.87 2011**

**Bettencourt, Michael J. & \$320,000 \$1,705.60 2011**

**McCarten, Donna**

**18-0070-98 Personal Property \$1,500 \$15.99 2011**

**Ramsbottom, Lisa P.**

**DBA Penfield Design & Decorating**

**13-2135-50 Personal Property \$5,500 \$58.63 2011**

**Mullally, Richard A \$5,000 \$53.30 2010**

**DBA Smart Planet Publishing**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place the consent calendar on file as follows:**

- 1. Reminder announcement of RI Dept. of Environmental Management Recreation Acquisition and Development Grants submission deadlines**
- 2. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Middletown Town Council requesting the General Assembly to repeal a tax on tours**
- 3. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Woonsocket City Council regarding pension reform**
- 4. Copy of a letter expressing the Portsmouth's Town Council's action to support the Town of Richmond's effort to oppose the proposed implementation of paid tolls on Interstate Route 95 between the Towns of Richmond and Hopkinton and to allow for free and unrestricted travel throughout the state for all Rhode Islanders.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from**

**Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid: \$28,367.24**

**Tom's Lawn & Garden - Maintenance \$73.89**

**Postmaster - Assessor's Office \$176.00**

**Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$349.18**

**WB Mason - Business Manager \$125.97**

**WB Mason - Misc. Town Hall Depts. \$168.91**

**Marion Welding Inc. - Transfer Station \$100.00**

**Nationalgrid - Public Safety at Transfer Station \$728.22**

**Nationalgrid - Adamsville Lights \$66.24**

**Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$412.82**

**Nationalgrid - IOOF \$50.36**

**Nationalgrid - 32 Commons meeting hall \$28.16**

**Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$17.32**

**Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$30.51**

**Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$73.65**

**Allied Waste - Transfer Station \$6,374.00**

**Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Maintenance \$171.46**

**Cox Communications - Town Hall Depts. \$313.08**

**Cox Communications - Computer \$252.00**

**Sakonnet Plumbing & Heating Inc. - Town Hall \$2,000.00**

**Dave Venancio - Electrical Inspector \$360.00**

**RI Resource Recovery Corp. - Transfer Station \$344.00**

**Lefkowitz, Garfinkel, Champi & DeRienzo PC - Auditors \$984.00**

**Poland Springs - town Hall \$32.60**

**Poland Springs - Maintenance \$23.61**

**Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$379.53**

**Vic's Car Wash - Drug Forfeiture \$9.50**

**Rhode Island Attorney General - Drug Forfeiture \$30.00 \$419.03**

**Cox Communication/Internet - Police Dept. \$171.00**

**Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$193.21**

**Wilbur's General Store - Police Dept. \$7.18**

**Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital - Police Dept. \$390.00 \$761.39**

**Ruggieri Brothers - Public Safety Complex \$2,000.00**

**Verizon Wireless - Transfer Station \$32.19**

**Verizon Wireless - Building Official \$39.42**

**Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$32.19**

**Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$33.98**

**Thomas G Dunn III - Business Manager \$39.93**

**MaryJane Harrington - Treasurer \$15.54**

**Tyler Technologies - Treasurer \$586.50**

**Wilkie Excavating Inc. - Transfer Station \$90.00**

**Madden Electric Co Inc. - Town Dock \$401.20**

**Petro - Gasoline \$3,313.96**

**IIMC - Town Clerk \$135.00**

**RI Association of Assessing Officers - Assessor's \$50.00**

**William L. Moore - Inspector/Building Official \$360.00**

**William L. Moore - Building Official \$84.36**

**John J McNamee CPA - Audit \$770.80**

**BoundTree Medical - Fire Dept. \$891.72**

**Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$220.61**

**Enos Home Oxygen Therapy - Fire Dept. \$27.00**

**Clinical 1 Home Medical - Fire Dept. \$187.60**

**Comstar - Ambulance Reimbursement Fire Dept. \$519.23**

**Wilbur's General Store - Fire Dept. \$19.68**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply - Fire Dept. \$198.88**

**Roland's Tire Service Inc. - Fire Dept. \$3,387.38**

**Griggs & Browne - Fire Dept. \$50.00**

**Cox Communications - Fire Dept. \$177.83**

**Lowe's - Fire Dept. \$31.83**

**Southcoast Hospitals Group - Fire Dept. \$234.01 \$5,945.77**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas): To adjourn at 7:46 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell**

**Town Clerk**