

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on December 5th, AD 2013 at 6:00 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, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Police Chief Sidney Wordell and Fire Chief Richard Petrin.

Interviews were conducted with (4) four applicants for the position of Public Safety Dispatcher.

A motion to recess until 7:00 PM was made by Councilor Golembeske, seconded by Councilor Mataronas and voted unanimously at 6:58 PM. (voting in favor Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen)

At 7:00 PM the Council President called for a Pledge to the Flag to begin the meeting. Additionally present at this time: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Tom Dunn, Business Manager.

The Council President made an announcement that Nelson Mandela, South Africa's First Black President passed away today having touched many lives with his legacy to see freedom granted to all.

As per Section 410, B of the Little Compton Home Rule Charter the first item on the agenda is a public hearing for the purpose of collecting public comment on a proposal to amend Chapter IX,

Section 1.11, f the Little Compton Town Code entitled Beaches, Harbors and Recreational Areas. Said amendment proposes to increase a mooring fee for all boats which are for recreational use by \$1.00 per foot and to further increase a mooring fee for all boats which are for commercial or profit-making purposes by \$2.50 per foot.

The Public Hearing was called to order with a request for any public comment. Councilor Golembeske noted that the amendment would result in an increase from \$6 to \$7 per foot for recreational boats and \$7.50 to \$10 per foot for commercial.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): Seeing no public comments to be made the public hearing is hereby closed.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To amend Chapter IX, Section 1.11 of the Little Compton Town Code entitled Beaches, Harbors and Recreational Areas as follows:

Chapter 9, 1.11, f. Fee for License. The Harbor Master shall collect a fee from each applicant for each license issued by him/her. The fees shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer of the Town of Little Compton to the account of the General Funds of the Town. License will be revoked if the application accompanied by completed mooring

inspection form as set forth in paragraph h. below and fee is not submitted before April 1 of each year.

The following fees are fixed and ordered to be paid annually. For each mooring for all boats of whatsoever length, propelled by oars, sails or motors, which are maintained principally for the recreational use of the owners thereof, at the rate of seven (\$7.00) dollars per foot of length; and for all such boats which are maintained principally for commercial or profit-making purposes by the owners thereof, at the rate of ten (\$10.00) dollars per foot of length. All boats shall be measured for purposes of this subsection from the outermost point of the bow to the furthest point of the stern. The minimum annual fee for any boat maintained for recreational purposes shall be sixty (\$60.00) dollars, and for any boat maintained for commercial or profit-making purposes shall be seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the November 21, 2013 Town Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Fire Department Head Report for October 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington,

Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for November 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize for payment of Bond Anticipation Note Disbursements #17 and #18 for the following expenses: Geisser Engineering in the amount of \$257.30, ICM Corporation for Clerk of the Works – November in the amount of \$6,000, ICM Corporation for Project Manager – November in the amount of \$6,120 and DBVW Architects in the amount of \$3,559.87 all totaling \$15,977.17.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To allow the School Committee to designate a representative to serve on the Unified High School Exploratory Committee.

Councilor Mushen will ask the School Committee to keep the Council apprised after each meeting of the Exploratory Committee.

Consideration of proposal to create a policy for organizations who wish to be exempt from local property taxes. A questionnaire has been created by the Board of Tax Assessors. They are looking for the Council to support the use of this form. Councilor Golembeske noted

that the form needs to be proof read as he sees some typographical errors. Councilor Mataronas wishes to have a “Determination Sheet” provided previously used in conjunction with the proposed questionnaire. Some consideration was given to the fact that one entity that made a request for tax exemption may be considered delinquent in their current taxes because this matter has not yet been resolved. It was determined that their taxes would be abated should the outcome result in their status being designated as tax exempt. After a brief discussion the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That after correcting typographical errors a questionnaire proposed by the Board of Assessors shall be allowed for use by said Board to gather data on organizations who are presently receiving local property tax exemption and for those who request in the future for said exemption, contingent upon the drafted “Determination Sheet” accompanies questionnaire and that the Board of Assessors returns to a future Council meeting with their recommendations.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To allow the Council President the authority to enter into a contract with Jon Ibbotson for the renewal of the Road Supervisor position using a 2% increase in each

category with the Councils endorsement.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To table until later on this evening's agenda discussion of the vacancy of public safety dispatcher.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To agree with a proposal made by members of the Tree Committee to offer residents the ability to donate memorial trees to be located on town own land, contingent upon the tree being planted on a mutually agreed location.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a resolution received from the Town of Jamestown concerning the Newport Pell Bridge.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mushen, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept with regret a letter of resignation received from Jim Hutchinson resigning from the LC Free Public Library Trust, effective immediately.

This vacancy has been posted on the Town Council's weekly posting to receive letters of interest through Dec. 19, 2013.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$118,180.17

WE Jackson & Company - Assessors \$249.00

Denise Cosgrove - Assessors \$16.95

Leonard Duckworth - Assessors \$1,990.37

Robert H Goff Jr. - Assessors \$1,990.38

Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Maintenance \$75.00

Messenger Security Systems Inc. - 32 Commons \$65.00

Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Town Hall \$105.00

Nationalgrid - Street Lights Town Dock \$44.49

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$25.03

Richard S Humphrey - Town Solicitor \$3,675.00

United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00

Petro - Town Hall \$1,361.09

Home Depot - Maintenance \$26.01

Postmaster - Treasurer \$184.00

ACS - RI Historical Records Funds \$1,299.00

RI Division of Motor Vehicles - Maint, Highway, Harbor \$22.00

PJ Keating Co. - Highway \$82,645.02

Dave Venancio - Inspector \$1,230.00

Joseph Rego - transfer station \$200.00

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William L Moore - Inspectors November \$990.00

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Tripp's Lawn Care Inc. - Cemetery Fund \$184.00

Direct Energy - street lights town dock \$10.60

Direct Energy - street lights \$10.07

EastBay Newspapers - Council - RCOS \$560.70

EastBay Newspapers - Zoning \$66.15

Valcourt Heating Inc. - Town Hall \$762.41

WB Mason - Clerk - Assessor \$23.68

RITCA - Tax Collector \$30.00

Edith L Marion - planning - zoning - building official \$262.50

Joseph Rego - highway \$150.00

Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$414.24

Mello's Diesel Serv Inc. - Highway \$67.32

Rhode Island Attorney General - Drug Forfeiture \$30.00

IACPNET - Drug Forfeiture \$500.00

Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$349.28

All Traffic Solution - Drug Forfeiture \$5,263.00

DMY, LLC - Drug Forfeiture \$629.00

Rob's Auto Care - Drug Forfeiture \$45.00

Graphix Plus - Drug Forfeiture \$600.27

Thomas Wood - Drug Forfeiture \$300.00 \$7,716.55

Wilbur's General Store - Police Dept. \$14.36

Cox Communication/Internet - Police Dept. \$171.00
Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$208.97
Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital - Police Dept. \$420.00
Pitney Bowes - Police Dept. \$96.56
W.B. Mason - Police Dept. \$410.00 \$1,320.89
Anthony DeSisto Assoc. - legal services \$1,425.00
Franlart Nurseries Inc - Tree Warden \$6,670.00
Wilbur's General Store - Maintenance \$22.12
Wilbur's General Store - Town Hall \$7.27
Petro - Diesel \$828.33

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mushen, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): At 7:30 PM was voted to take a brief recess to allow the interview team to gather to continue review of the dispatcher interviews.

Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor left the meeting at this point.

At 7:32 PM Chief Petrin, Chief Wordell and the Council reconvened to review the interviews held earlier this evening.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To remove from the table a matter to discuss and consider interviews for the vacancy of public safety

dispatcher.

After a brief review the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Police Chief to offer a full time public safety dispatcher position to Stephanie Manchester-Wilkie, if Ms. Manchester-Wilkie declines the full time position the offer shall be made to Christopher Almy.

The Police Chief shall return to the December 19, 2013 meeting with a recommendation for the part time public safety dispatcher position.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Carol A Wordell

Town Clerk