

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on January 9th, AD 2014 at 6:30 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Fred M Bodington, III, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Absent at this time: Charles N. Appleton, Jr. (arrived at 6:58 PM) and Paul J. Golembeske (arrived at 7:03 PM).

Two individuals, Janice Griffin and Robert Murphy were interviewed to fill a vacancy on the LC Free Public Library Trust. At 6:48 PM recess was taken until 7:00 PM to allow residents to convene for the remaining agenda items.

Additionally present at this time: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Councilor; Tom Dunn, Business Manager and Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor.

The meeting was called back into order at 7:00 PM with a Pledge to the Flag.

A Moment of Silence was observed for Deborah Bodington a former member of the Town Council, the Planning Board and the Budget Committee and for James Hayes who owned the Town's Barber Shop and was a strong presence in the community.

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

Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the December 19, 2013 Town Council meeting minutes.

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

Paul J. Golembeske arrived at 7:03 PM.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the payment of \$6,000 to ICM Corp. for Clerk of the Works services for December 2013 and \$5,850 to ICM Corp. for Project Manager services for December 2013 and \$1,174,836.65 to ADS Construction, Inc. under application #11 for a total of \$1,186,686.65 to be charged the Bond Anticipation Note for the School Renovation Project under BAN Disbursement #20.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained: To appoint Janice Griffin to fill the unexpired term of James Hutchinson on the LC Free Public Library Trust for a term that will expire October 15, 2015.

Councilor Mushen will determine if Robert Murphy is interested in serving on another board or commission in need at this time for volunteers.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To hire Jessica Vandal effective January 13, 2014 as a part-time Public Safety Dispatcher with salary as set forth in the LC Municipal Employees Union agreement with the Town of Little Compton and no benefits.

George E. Goulart, Jr. the current Tree Warden has announced that he will not be seeking re-appointment. Mr. Goulart was praised for his 34 years of service given to the Town by both the Police Chief and Council Members. Mr. Goulart will continue as Tree Warden until the expiration of his term on March 1, 2014.

Two individuals, Jason Burchard and David Faria, former employees of Mr. Goulart have applied to serve as the Town's new Tree Warden. Both men are in the process of obtaining their Arborist License and will be taking the exam on January 31, 2014. Due to the fact that there are more applicants than the number of positions available interviews will be held on January 23, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by

Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To re-appoint Adolf Haffenreffer, rep. the Sakonnet Yacht Club, Ian Parente, representing the Fishing Association and Mary Rogers, representing the Recreational Boater on the Harbor Commission for terms which will expire Feb. 1, 2017.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To re-appoint Barbara Watson as a member of the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee for a term which will expire February 1, 2017.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To re-appoint Patrice O'Malley Hagan, Sal Marinosci and Helen Woodhouse to the Planning Board for terms which will expire February 1, 2018.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To re-appoint Ed Maiato to the Conservation Commission for a term which will expire February 1, 2017.

The remaining incumbent has not expressed a desire to remain on the Conservation Commission. The Town Clerk will continue to post

this position and two other seats on the Conservation Commission that are in need of securing interested individuals to serve.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To re-appoint Matthew Ladd and Robert Rottmann to the LC Housing Trust for terms which will expire January 24, 2019,

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To conduct the Annual Financial Town Meeting on May 20, 2014 beginning at 7 PM.

Six applications have been received to date for the pending vacancy of a member of the Little Compton Fire Department. All applications received before the close of the deadline will be reviewed by the Fire Chief for further action.

Councilor Mushen noted that the current recycling rate is still in need of improvement. Due to the fact that RI Resource Recovery Corp. no longer allows construction debris to be removed from the solid waste tonnage and considered diverted the Town's recycling rate is being affected. The Town presently shows a 24.0% recycling rate with RIRRC expecting the cities and towns to recycle at a rate of 35% or better. At some point in the future the mandatory recycling rate will

increase higher than the 35%. The Council will need to look into other potential areas to divert waste and increase the recycling rate.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place in the Budget Folder a request from the Wildlife Rehabilitators Assoc. of RI for \$470 towards its operating budget.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Holiday Sales License to Earle's Service Station of 35 Meeting House Lane for the ensuing year, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a Public Notice of two hearings scheduled on the Rhode Island State Rail Plan.

Councilor Mushen noted that the communication received from William L. Moore, Building Official informs the council of an interest that has been expressed to erect another wireless communications tower in town. Councilor Mushen has received communication from Verizon Wireless who are expressing an interest to place a tower on the Public Safety Complex Lot. As that lot is within the 1500 ft.

restricted area from Pikes Peak on the Commons the Council has been investigating the potential acquisition of the lot immediately south of the RI State DOT garage lot which would be outside of the 1500 ft. restriction.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To allow the Council President to continue to investigate a request to construct a wireless communications tower in Town by Verizon Wireless.

Engineering drawings for the replacement of the 24 foot wide concrete boat ramp at Sakonnet Point Fishing Area have been secured by Councilor Mataronas.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a Notice of the consideration of an application by RIDEM Division of Planning & Development requesting a RI Water Quality Certification relating to a plan to replace of the 24 foot wide concrete boat ramp at Sakonnet Point Fishing Area.

Councilor Mataronas expressed concerns regarding the Abatement List submitted by the Board of Assessors. Robert Goff, Assessor explained that the lots involve in the abatement request were lots that

were re-evaluated and classified at a higher rate in the most recent re-valuation. These lots are substandard grandfathered lots who are each now being treated as building lots. The listed abatement lots are from property owners who own multiple lots and are being encouraged to combine the lots by the Board of Assessors. During the discussion it was suggested that the Assessors discuss the option of giving an abatement on next years tax bill if the property owners take action this year to combine the lots, rather than giving an abatement up front before any actions are taken by the property owners.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To continue discussion of the Abatement List submitted by the Board of Assessors until the January 23, 2014 Town Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$52,965.97

Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$29.20

Petro - Town Hall \$1,792.64

Petro - Diesel \$1,178.99

Petro - Maintenance \$499.13

Petro - Gasoline \$3,151.82

Petro - 32 Commons \$411.16

ACS - RI Historical Records Funds \$1,299.00

Steven F Rego Lawn Care - Civic Rec. Oct \$500.00

United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00

Salva & Sons Safe & Security - Maintenance \$7.20

Postmaster - Board of Canvassers \$184.00

Postmaster - Town Clerk \$204.00

Allied Court Reporters - Zoning Board \$125.00

Marion Welding - Transfer Station \$80.00

RB Negus - Highway \$308.61

Electrical Wholesalers - Public Safety Complex \$70.03

Richard S Humphrey - Town Solicitor \$3,675.00

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$27.78

Nationalgrid - Street Lights Town Dock \$49.30

KTR Maintenance & Supply LLC - Public Safety Complex \$2,340.00

Kofile Preservation - RI Hist. Records funds & grant funds \$1,485.00

Marjory O'Toole - RCOS funds \$1,470.00

Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$1,155.60

M & R Feed Store Inc. - Transfer Station \$12.54

Richard S Humphrey - legal services indemnification fund \$594.50

Direct Energy - Street Lights Town Dock \$12.34

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Cox Communications - computer \$252.00

Cox Communications - Town Hall misc depts. \$251.96

Sakonnet Plumbing & Heating - Town Hall \$156.25

Wilbur's General Store - Transfer Station \$2.60

Wilbur's General Store - Maintenance \$23.60

Wilbur's General Store - Town Hall \$5.20

EastBay Newspapers - Council/License Commissioners \$160.65

EastBay Newspapers - Probate \$180.00

EastBay Newspapers - Highway - Council \$75.60

Matthew Bender & Co. - Town Hall \$53.73

Rob's Auto Care - Drug Forfeiture \$45.00

Ga-Rel Manufacturing Co - Drug Forfeiture \$722.20

Graphix Plus - Drug Forfeiture \$69.55

Thomas Wood - Drug Forfeiture \$400.00

DMY, LLC - Drug Forfeiture \$1,064.00

IMP - Drug Forfeiture \$1,950.00 \$4,250.75

K.T.R. Maintenance - Police Dept. \$212.32

Pitney Bowes - Police Dept. \$138.27

Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$43.03 \$393.62

RI Resource Recovery - transfer station \$4,414.01

Consolidated Concrete Corp. - Transfer Station \$1,340.00

Weston Thurston & Son - Snow removal school pods \$828.00

Dave Venancio - Inspectors \$810.00

Dave Wood - Snow removal \$320.00

JR Tree & Land Co. - Snow removal \$345.00

EastBay Newspapers - Assessors \$94.50

International Salt - Highway snow removal \$2,051.56

Edith Marion - zoning, planning, building official \$378.00

Wilkie Excavating - Transfer Station - Highway \$467.50

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Valcourt Heating Inc. - Town Hall \$103.00

Ocean State Truck & Diesel - Fire Dept. (09'ford) \$300.07

Ocean State Truck & Diesel - Fire Dept.(03'ford) \$300.07

Ocean State Truck & Diesel - Fire Dept. \$135.00

Rob's Auto Care - Fire Dept. \$84.90

Sullivan Tire Companies - Fire Dept. \$441.72

Wilbur's General Store - Fire Dept. \$15.47

Belmont Springs - Fire Dept. \$68.49

Pioneer Heavy Duty Parts - Fire Dept. \$27.46

John W Kennedy Co. - Fire Dept. \$148.00

StuDiro Productions - Fire Dept. \$599.00

Southcoast Hospitals Group - Fire Dept. \$509.20

Northeast Rescue Systems - Fire Dept. \$59.00

Milwaukee Industrial Tool Co. - Fire Dept. \$393.85

Clinical 1 Home Medical - Fire Dept. \$112.06

KTR Maintenance & Supply - Fire Dept. \$112.62

NFPA - Fire Dept. \$31.47 \$3,338.38

William L Moore - Highway snow removal \$87.79

ASM Stonescapes - Snow Removal \$1,280.00

Dave Wood - Snow removal \$704.00

William L Moore - Highway snow removal \$1,067.50

William L Moore - Inspections \$1,110.00

Joseph Stankiewicz - Maintenance \$303.95

Messenger Security Systems - Town Hall \$249.00

Richard S Humphrey - legal services \$710.50

Providence Journal - contingency \$929.01

Petro - Public Safety Complex \$2,179.10

Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$1,101.29

Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$68.96

WB Mason - Clerk \$9.53

Secretary of State - Town Clerk \$80.00

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:52 PM.

Town Clerk