

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on July 24th, A.D. 2014 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, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also in attendance: Tom Dunn, Business Manager.**

**Salute to the Flag.**

**The Town Council President opened an informational hearing on the Commons Recreational Athletic Field and Tennis Courts Improvement Project. This project includes plans for a recreational field for lacrosse, soccer etc., restoration of the existing tennis courts and a new walking track in a figure eight shape. He then reviewed the anticipating funding sources and asked for public comments.**

**During discussion the following comments were received:**

- Barbara Passmore and Carolyn Montgomery are in favor of the project, but concerned over the potential re-location of a stone wall.**
- Ms. Montgomery asked for the Council to meet with the Sakonnet Garden Club to discuss the wall, which was funded through donations. Councilor Mushen welcomes the chance to discuss the project with the Garden Club.**
- A set of six trees are scheduled to be removed, not trees of any historical or memorial value**

- There is approximately a 14' gradient difference from east to west on the lot which will require grading to achieve a viable recreational surface
- No parking will be allowed on the recreational field upon completion
- Nearly 50' will be gained by moving the stone wall
- Virginia Peckham suggests naming the field in some fashion after James Hayes due to his past attempts to see the field improved for recreational use
- Scott Morrison asked Councilor Mushen to describe the method by which water runoff would be handled. A system that will take the water away from the surface under the road and into the Dunderly Brook, subject to the approval of RI Dept. of Environmental Management, is designed for this project.
- If sufficient funding is not available what will be left out of this stage? Uncertain at this point, potentially phased in the following order: Field restoration, tennis courts improved then the walking trail

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for July 10, 2014.**

**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 Reports for April and May 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To place on file the Police Department Head Report for June 2014.**

**Rebecca Elwell, Prevention Coordinator for the Little Compton Prevention Coalition addressed the Council. She explained that grant funds awarded from the State of Rhode Island will allow the Coalition the ability to expand how they work towards reducing marijuana use among youth in Little Compton. One of the options being pursued is seeking a replacement for the Coordinator position. The posting will seek a Coordinator to serve approximately 20 – 25 hours a week with no benefits as a sub-contract (1099) position. Mrs. Elwell will continue to serve in a grant management capacity for the Coalition. The Coalition is a public body subject to the open meeting and open records act. The public is always welcome to participate.**

**Councilor Mushen expressed his extreme gratitude for how Mrs. Elwell is handling this move to find a replacement Coordinator for the Coalition.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To authorize the Prevention Coalition to post to receive applications for a Prevention Coordinator.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To pay Gilbert Amarantes a stipend due based on his choice to opt out of receipt of health care benefits.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To adopt a proposal to create a list of potential Police Academy candidates for use by the Little Compton Police Department.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To approve a plan to begin utilizing part-time personnel in the Fire Department with the constraint that the hours are at a level without benefits.**

**At 8:08 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To ratify the actions of the Town Council President to grant a Class F one day Beverage License to the LC Community Center for an event which occurred July 23, 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To grant a Class F one day Beverage License to the LC Community Center for an event on July 30, 2014 at the Community Center.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To grant a Class F one day Beverage License to the Westport Fisherman's Association for its Lobster Bake on September 14, 2014 at the LC Game Club facility on John Dyer Road.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To assign Councilors Appleton and Golembeske to serve as liaison's to meet with the LC Community Center to discuss two projects identified as essential to its long-term strategy and to return to the full Council with a report.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$50,919.22**

**Direct Energy - Public Safety Complex \$664.62**  
**Direct Energy - 32 Commons \$14.19**  
**Direct Energy - street lights \$5.83**  
**Direct Energy - Transfer Station \$24.59**  
**Direct Energy - Peckham Lot \$22.84**  
**Direct Energy - Town Dock \$20.89**  
**Direct Energy - I.O.O.F. \$17.20**  
**Direct Energy - Town Hall \$249.42**  
**Direct Energy - Adamsville Street Lights \$28.86**  
**Direct Energy - Cell Tower \$377.10**  
**Nationalgrid - Public Safety @ Transfer Station \$272.59**  
**Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$25.65**  
**Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$27.01**  
**Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$15.21**  
**Nationalgrid - 32 Commons \$21.02**  
**Nationalgrid - I.O.O.F. \$23.10**  
**Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$184.08**  
**Nationalgrid - Adamsville Street Lights \$31.19**  
**Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$28.17**  
**W.B. Mason - Treasurer/Building/Town Hall \$122.05**  
**W.B. Mason - Treasurer \$49.06**  
**Richard S. Humphrey - Legal Services \$116.00**  
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**Richard S. Humphrey - Legal Services \$4,000.00**  
**Richard S. Humphrey - Legal Services \$594.50**  
**Maguire Equipment Inc. - Transfer Station \$400.00**

**Allied Waste - Transfer Station \$8,379.41**  
**Poland Spring - Transfer Station \$15.62**  
**Poland Spring - Town Hall & Maintenance \$29.61**  
**Joseph Rego - Highway Department \$175.00**  
**Joseph Rego - Highway Department \$250.00**  
**Joseph Rego - Highway Department \$1,912.50**  
**Joseph Rego - Highway Department \$8,197.20**  
**Seekonk Supply, Inc. - Highway Department \$463.03**  
**Newman Traffic Signs - Highway Department \$77.71**  
**Aquidneck Fasteners - Maintenance \$26.13**  
**A & E Metals - Transfer Station \$120.00**  
**Petro - gasoline \$2,598.05**  
**Petro - Public Safety Complex \$557.11**  
**Tripp's Lawn Care - Cemetery Fund \$184.00**  
**First Ford Inc. - Highway \$109.00**  
**Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$528.12**  
**MaryJane Harrington - Treasurer \$14.00**  
**Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$32.85**  
**Sanmass Inc. - Civic Recreation \$224.70**  
**Sanmass Inc. - Civic Recreation \$90.95**  
**Rich McGee - Capital Funds - Peckham lot restoration \$1,420.00**  
**Mallard & Pops Printing - Tree Committee \$491.00**  
**Hope Taylor - Tree Committee \$45.46**  
**Cindy Sheldon - Tree Committee \$389.60**  
**Cox Communications - Police Dept. \$171.00**  
**Cox Communications - Police Dept. \$224.75**

**Tritech - Police Dept. \$9,620.00**

**Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital - Police Dept. \$440.00**

**3M Cogent, Inc. - Police Dept. \$2,292.00 \$12,747.75**

**New England State Police Infor. Network - Drug Forft. \$50.00 \$50.00**

**William L Moore - Highway \$60.22**

**LG Communications - Fire Dept. \$270.00**

**ZOLL Medical Corp. - Fire Dept. \$1,400.00**

**Dawson Group - Fire Dept. \$941.81**

**Tripp - Batteries Plus - Fire Dept. \$162.72**

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

**Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Fire Dept. \$85.68**

**W.B. Mason - Fire Department \$22.66**

**Specialty Vehicles, Inc. - Fire Dept. \$14.16 \$2,947.03**

**Kevin's Auto Parts - Transfer Station \$33.00**

**ACS - Town Clerk \$1,299.00**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen: To adjourn at 8:14 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk**