

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on October 9th, 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 and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Gary S. Mataronas. Also present: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor, Police Chief Marion, Fire Chief Petrin and Tom Dunn, Business Manager.**

**Salute to the Flag.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To approve, as written the September 18, 2014 Town Council meeting minutes.**

**Announcements:**

**1) The Little Compton Fire Department is presently assisting with the transfer of an individual with a medical emergency from a vessel in Sakonnet Harbor to a Rescue for transportation to an area hospital. The Council President wanted to call to the public's attention the support that has been given recently to support water rescues. This past week the Sakonnet Lobster was lost at sea with the four (4) fishermen (all wearing protective suits) rescued by the Coast Guard. The day following this incident another smaller vessel was lost with two (2) of the three (3) fishermen rescued in local waters. The**

remaining fisherman is still among the missing and thought to have perished. During this incident many departments and communities came to support the emergency, RI Dept. of Environmental Management, RI Emergency Management, US Coast Guard and six (6) communities supporting the LC Fire Department.

2) The Director of Public Works, Bill Moore attended a check presentation at RI Resource Recovery Corp. to receive a check in the amount of \$7,530.57 as the Town's recycling profit share.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To move to this point in the meeting New Business #1 – Request to discuss conduction a BioBlitz in June 2015 – an effort by individuals to count as many species of life as they can in a 24 hour period.

David Gregg, Ph.D. of RI Natural History Survey (RINHS) gave a brief overview of a proposal to conduct a “BioBlitz” in Little Compton on June 12 and 13, 2015. Dr. Gregg noted that RINHS, a non-profit entity has been coordinating since the year 2000 the BioBlitz Program for the purpose of scientific research and educational benefits for the community as a whole and local schools. The group works throughout a 24 hour period to gather and identify as many species of life during that period. RINHS carries an umbrella policy which would have the Town designated as additionally insured for the event.

**Hans Hawrysz explained that RINHS would like to use Veterans Field on June 12 and 13, 2015 to set up three (3) 40' x 40' tents for the teams to work in, the use of the electricity available on the lot, parking for approximately 150 cars and overnight camping for approximately 100 individuals. 200 – 300 participants are expected through out the entire period, but not all at the same time. A dinner will be served on the Friday evening to allow participants to meet the scientists and a light breakfast will be offered on the Saturday morning. Lunches are brown bagged by the participants. RINHS has a safety plan in place will ask both the Police and Fire Chiefs to review for any unique matters relating to Little Compton.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To endorse the concept of conducting a BioBlitz on June 12 and 13, 2015 at Veterans Field contingent upon successful agreements to be created coordinating the various needs for the event, and to further declare June 13, 2015 as Nature Day in the Town of Little Compton.**

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

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by**

**Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To place on file the Maintenance Department Head Report for September 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To acknowledge receipt and place on file a letter received from the RI State Traffic Commission granting approval for the installation of a new crosswalk in the Village of Adamsville on Main Road and new signage warning vehicular traffic of pedestrian crossings.**

**Budget Committee – two residents, Albert Staebler and Craig Curtis, are interested in filling the unexpired term of Scott Morrison.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To conduct interviews on October 23, 2014 at 6 PM of two residents who are interested in filling the vacancy on the Budget Committee created by the resignation of Scott Morrison.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained from voting: To re-appoint Mary Jane Harrington and Frank Hopton as trustees on the LC Free Public Library Board for terms which will expire Oct. 15, 2017.**

**Two (2) bid proposals were received for the fall roadside grass and brush mowing:**

**Joseph Rego \$8,500.00**

**93 Amesbury Ln**

**Little Compton, RI 02837**

**Rich McGee and Son Excavating \$6,750.00**

**290K West Main Rd**

**Little Compton, RI 02837**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To refer two (2) bid proposals for fall roadside mowing to the Director of Public Works for his review and authorization to award to the lowest qualified and responsive bidder.**

**Two (2) bid proposals were received for purchase of a new 10-14 passenger van or mini-bus similar to a Ford E-350 Mini-Bus or other comparable vehicle with a wheel chair lift included:**

**Matthews Buses Inc. \$46,486 (12 seats, 1 wheelchair lockdown)**

**PO Box 1069**

**Tolland, CT 06084**

**Datco, Inc. \$49,855 (12 seats, 2 wheelchair lockdowns)**

**583 South St.**

**New Britain, CT 06051**

**Councilor Mushen reminded his fellow Councilors that \$25,000 of Community Development Block Grant Funds are designated to offset this expense. The remaining balance will likely come from capital funds.**

**Motion made by Councilor Appleton, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To refer to the Business Manager, Tom Dun two (2) bid proposals for the purchase of a new 10-14 passenger van or mini-bus to review and make a recommendation to the Council at the October 23, 2014 Town Council meeting.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To accept the successful highest bid received through GovDeals.com an auction site where the town Torwell Sander and 1994 Ford 6 Wheel Truck were placed for auction, said successful bid was from RA DeFusco Son LLC, 2129 Plainfield Pike, Johnston, RI 02919 in the amount of \$3,305.00 less a 5% commission fee due from the Town for the action.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by**

**Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To continue until the October 23, 2014 Town Council meeting the receipt of applications from sub-contractors interested in plowing snow during the upcoming winter season for the Town with their own equipment.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To advertise to seek bids for the purchase of a new 2014 4-door police package vehicle and to authorize the Police Chief to review options on the trade-in or sale of two (2) surplus Crown Victoria's to offset the cost of this purchase.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To support the Town of Glocester's efforts through the following resolution:**

### **Resolution**

**In opposition of RI General Law 44-3-3 (9) Taxation**

**WHEREAS, in 1764, in the Brown University Charter King George II granted exemption from taxation of property for the university and its professors; and Rhode Island's Public Laws of 1863, Chapter 451, this exemption for professors, their estates, and their families was limited to the first \$10,000 in assessed value of their personal**

**property; and**

**WHEREAS, in 1966, the Board of Directors of the University voted to require newly appointed professors to waive their right to this exemption and at that time there were nine professors “grandfathered in”; and**

**WHEREAS, the law allowing this exemption, RIGL 44-3-3 (subsection 9) Taxation, is still an active Rhode Island General Law; and**

**WHEREAS, to avoid confusion and/or the right of someone to claim this exemption in the future the Town of Little Compton is asking our Legislators to repeal the subsection in it’s entirety; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Little Compton respectfully requests our Legislators to call for the repeal of RIGL 44-3-3(9) during the next legislative session.**

**Adopted this 9th day of October, 2014.**

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**Robert L. Mushen, Town Council President**

**Communication #2 – Notice of a Zoning Board of Review hearing for Oct. 15, 2014 for John E, Benjamin G and Matthew B Dawson**

requesting a variance (said hearing will be rescheduled for November 19, 2014 due to an advertising error) Discussion The Town Solicitor explained that the application proposes to make a lot currently hindered by multiple buildings on a single lot to become more sub-standard by lot coverage with less acreage. Said proposal would result in lots that are to be conveyed to the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust. The buildings in questions will all be located on the remaining lot to continue to be owned by the family. After a brief discussion the following was voted:

**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To convey to the Zoning Board of Review that the Council is in favor of the concept of a variance application from John E, Benjamin G and Matthew B Dawson, but do not want to set a precedent for further intensification applications.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To place on file a Notice of Public hearings to be held to seek public input on the RI Draft Economic Development Plan to be held October 27 & 28, 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To inform the Zoning Board of Review that the Town**

**Council as owner of the subject property and an abutter has no objection to an application made by the LC Community Center Corp. as authorized lessee for a variance to the Zoning Ordinance to add a bathroom on the second floor.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To authorize the expenditure of up to \$60 to secure town-related items which will be assembled into a basket to be donated to the James L Maher Center for their silent auction.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To place on file a letter received from Thomas M. Bergeron, Esq. of the Town Solicitor's Office informing the Council of his acceptance of a new position as a Staff Attorney to the RI Supreme Court as of Oct. 3, 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To place on file a flyer received from the RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust announcing a workshop on Lessons in Liability.**

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

**Golembeske, Mushen): To respond to the Director of Public Works William L. Moore to request that he inform both the Tree Warden and the Tree Committee of the pending tree removal work proposed by the United Congregational Church.**

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

- 1. Letter encouraging cities and towns to submit applications for Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund Projects.**
- 2. Memorandum from Fire Chief Petrin advising the Council that he will be out of the office for a designated time and has charged Captain Amarantes to serve in his absence.**
- 3. Copy of a letter sent to the Town Solicitor advising the town that the RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust will not defend or indemnify the town in a particular case**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$92,051.19**

**Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$26.77**

**Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$48.25**

**Direct Energy - Town Dock \$12.05**  
**Direct Energy - Street Lights \$11.27**  
**W.B. Mason - Council/Town Hall \$95.18**  
**W.B. Mason - Treasurer \$17.09**  
**W.B. Mason - Treasurer/Assessor/Town Hall/Town Clerk \$96.75**  
**K.T.R. Maintenance & Supply LLC - Public Safety Complex \$1,170.00**  
**K.T.R. Maintenance & Supply LLC - Town Hall \$93.16**  
**Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$526.46**  
**United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00**  
**Allied Court Reporters - Zoning Board \$125.00**  
**Dave Venancio - Electrical Inspections \$900.00**  
**Postmaster - Building Official \$196.00**  
**Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$32.85**  
**Xerox Business Services LLC - Town Clerk \$1,299.00**  
**Ballard Mack Sales & Service Inc. - Highway Supervisor \$101.17**  
**William L. Moore - Inspections \$870.00**  
**Sakonnet Tree Inc. - Tree Warden \$4,822.50**  
**Home Depot - Town Hall \$37.04**  
**Richard S. Humphrey - Solicitor \$4,000.00**  
**Richard S. Humphrey - Legal Services \$1,073.00**  
**Richard S. Humphrey - Legal Services \$797.50**  
**Wilbur's General Store - 32 Commons \$7.26**  
**Wilbur's General Store - Transfer Station \$19.26**  
**Rob's Auto Care - Maintenance Dept. \$463.12**  
**Sanmass Inc. Civic Rec \$90.95**  
**Sanmass Inc. Civic Rec \$224.70**

**Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$26.27**

**Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$1,101.52**

**Cox Communications - Computers \$252.00**

**Cox Communications - Town Hall Depts. \$246.25**

**Goulart Petroleum Inc. Harbor Master \$42.81**

**Helger Brothers Const. - Highway Dept. \$1,607.50**

**Madden Electric - 32 Commons \$147.64**

**Helgers South Coast Power Equip. - Maintenance Dept. \$34.93**

**IIMC - Town Clerk \$155.00**

**RI Interlocal Risk Mgmt - Insurance \$1,925.00**

**Petro - Diesel \$713.69**

**Petro - Gasoline \$2,980.05**

**Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. - Council \$46.48**

**ADS Construction Inc. - Capital Expenditure \$51,346.94**

**Edith L. Marion - Building/Zoning/Planning \$357.00**

**EastBay Newspapers - Probate \$40.00**

**EasyBay Newspapers - Zoning \$66.15**

**EastBay Newspapers - Town Clerk \$170.10**

**EastBay Newspapers - Highway/Senior Van/Canvassers \$286.65**

**Rob's Auto Care - Fire Dept. \$102.50**

**Rob's Auto Care - Fire Dept. \$391.94**

**Southcoast Hospital Groups - Fire Dept. \$343.83**

**Able Engineering Inc. - Fire Dept. \$1,187.50**

**Batteries Plus Bulbs - Fire Dept. \$79.90**

**BoundTree Medical LLC - Fire Dept. \$61.00**

**BoundTree Medical LLC - Fire Dept. \$202.10**

**Brian Martin - Fire Dept. \$371.52**

**Brendan Phelan - Fire Dept. \$371.52**

**Mike Silva - Fire Dept. \$743.04**

**Goulart Petroleum Inc. (Diesel) - Fire Dept. \$854.36**

**Goulart Petroleum Inc. (Diesel)- Fire Dept. \$453.50**

**Goulart Petroleum Inc. (Diesel) - Fire Dept. \$324.20**

**Goulart Petroleum Inc. (Gasoline) - Fire Dept. \$181.28**

**CyberComm Inc. - Fire Dept. \$730.00**

**Belmont Springs - Fire Dept. \$18.78**

**Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$122.89**

**Clinical1 - Fire Dept. \$311.24**

**BoundTree Medical LLC - Fire Dept. \$114.52**

**Yes We Can - Fire Dept. \$177.63**

**Northeast Rescue Systems - Fire Dept. \$189.22**

**Mike Silva - Fire Dept. \$835.92 \$8,168.39**

**Postmaster - Board of Canvassers \$147.00**

**Direct Energy - Transfer Station \$21.57**

**Direct Energy - Public Safety Complex \$785.11**

**Modern Printing - Inspectors \$47.00**

**Thomas Wood - Police Dept. \$370.00**

**Cox Communications - Police Dept. \$171.00**

**Cox Communications - Police Dept. \$190.32**

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

**Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$46.02**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply LLC \$44.34**

**Graphic Plus - Police Dept. \$139.10 \$1,400.78**

**Department of Attorney General - Drug Forft. \$150.00**

**East Bay Printing & Copying - Drug Forft. \$67.53**

**LogIn/IACP Net - Drug Forft. \$500.00**

**Verizon - Drug Forft. \$293.78 \$1,011.31**

**Verizon - Transfer Station \$30.20**

**Verizon - Building Dept. \$58.97**

**Verizon - Maintenance Dept. \$30.20**

**Verizon - Maintenance Dept. \$34.42**

**Dell - Computer \$1,498.93**

**At 8:15 PM the Town Council took a brief recess to allow those present to leave the chambers prior to a scheduled executive session. The Town Clerk left the meeting at this point and turned the minutes over to the Town Council President.**

**Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk**

**At 8:17 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to enter into executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(2) collective bargaining discussions – all voted in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen). Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Paul J. Golembeske and Robert L. Mushen. Also present: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Fire Chief Petrin.**

**Discussion of Fire Department contract negotiations.**

**At 8:44 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to come out of executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(2) collective bargaining discussions – all voted in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen).**

**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To adjourn at 8:45 PM.**

**Robert L. Mushen, Clerk Pro-tem**