

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on October 23rd, A.D. 2014 at 6:08 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 present: Richard S. Humphrey Town Solicitor who arrived at 7:00 PM.**

**Two individuals, Al Staebler and Craig Curtis, were interviewed separately for the position of Budget Committee member due to the resignation of Scott Morrison.**

**The Council took a fifteen minute recess at 6:45 PM prior to reconvening into open session for the remainder of the agenda items.**

**Robert L. Mushen, Clerk Pro-tem turned the recording of minutes over to the Town Clerk at this time.**

**The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 PM with a salute to the Flag.**

**The Town Council President called a Public Hearing to order for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the proposed Home Rule Charter amendments to be voted on during the November 4, 2014 General Election.**

**Councilor Mataronas noted that Harbor Commission member Alexander Hawes, Sakonnet Point Marina Representative contacted**

him through an email. He noted that Mr. Hawes stated that he did not know of the proposed amendment to change the representation of the seat he hold to a joint representation of both the Sakonnet Point Marina and the Sakonnet Point Club. Mr. Hawes expressed concerns that the seat should not be shared and each entity should hold their own seat.

Scott Morrison, Chairman of the Charter Review Commission stated that invitations were sent to the Harbor Commission Chair to attend the public meeting where this matter was addressed and no one showed up to the meeting. He also noted that mailers, advertisements and public hearings have occurred during the past months where this proposed amendment was included. He also noted that the Commission has kept the Sakonnet Point Club and the Sakonnet Point Marina Board apprised of this proposal.

The Council President asked for any further public comment, receiving none the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): Receiving no further public comment the Town Council hereby votes to close a public hearing regarding the proposed Home Rule Charter amendments to be voted on at the November 4, 2014 General Election.

**Councilor Mushen stated that the proposed amendments had been advertised in the paper in their entirety, but that through certain circumstances they were not in the paper no less than 30 days prior. They were posted on the Town website, distributed in the Town Hall and Brownell Library, posted throughout town and mailed to the voters. The Town Solicitor stated that he did not feel an individual could claim they had not been noticed with the amount of postings and advised the Council to continue the process to allow the voters to cast their votes on November 4th.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen) Councilor Mataronas abstained from voting: To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes of October 9, 2014.**

**Councilor Mushen thanked the Charter Review Commission members for their work and attendance at this meeting.**

#### **Announcements:**

**1) Senator DiPalma sent notification to Councilor Mushen of the award of a contract through RI Dept. of Transportation to repair the rumble strips on the sides of West Main Road as an additional task to an existing contract. The work is expected to begin November 2nd and continue through the following week to be complete on or about**

**November 17th. Both Senator DiPalma and Representative Canario were instrumental in moving this process forward.**

**2) The Town Solicitor noted that Councilor Mataronas worked to secure funding to have the “State Boat Ramp” maintained/repaired. During the permitting process the State has questioned the ownership of the ramp. Since this matter is not clearly answered without a full title and the funding may be lost both the State and the Solicitor believe a Memorandum of Agreement should be entered into detailing certain circumstances. Authority to sign this agreement has been previously voted, the Solicitor will continue to work on the language and move forward with the project. No actions were taken; this was simply an update of the project.**

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

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To appoint Craig Curtis to fill a vacancy on the Budget Committee with a term that will expire May 15, 2015.**

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

**Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To appoint Franklin H Pond as the third alternate on the Zoning Board of Review for a term which will expire July 15, 2019.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To appoint Susan Chase as the Democratic Alternate on the Board of Canvassers to fill the unexpired term of Lois Goulart which will expire November 10, 2017.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To continue to the November 6, 2014 an update on securing snow plow contractors for the upcoming winter season.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To purchase a passenger van with 2 wheelchair spaces and a chair lift package to be used for senior transportation from Matthew Buses Inc., Tolland, CT in the amount of \$46,486 to be paid out of Community Development Block Grant Funds and other funds yet to be determined.**

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

**Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept a first draft list of Comprehensive Plan Goals created by Councilors Golembeske and Mushen, and Planning Board Members Mark Cady and Michael Steers; to review said draft list and provide input to Councilors Golembeske or Mushen in an effort to allow the aforementioned group to further define the goals for review at the November 6, 2014 Council meeting in preparation for a joint meeting of the Town Council and the Planning Board.**

**Councilor Golembeske recused himself from the upcoming matter.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske recused himself from this matter: To adopt the recommendation of the Board of Tax Assessors to grant Local Real Estate Tax exemption to the Little Compton Game Club for the next three tax years (2014, 2015, 2016) and at the end of this period, the exemption status of the Club should be reviewed to determine the actual financial results with particular notice of community contributions.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the LC Community Center to use the bathroom facilities at 32 Commons from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM except when previously schedule with**

**another entity until the LCCC has completed its renovation to meet RI Dept. of Children, Youth and Family requirements for bathroom facilities.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to St. Andrew's to conduct a "Trunk or Treat" event on Veteran's Field Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 2 pm to 4 pm.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the Town Clerk to advertise applications received for the renewal of retail beverage licenses in the Town of Little Compton for the upcoming license season.**

**Robert Goff, Member of the Board of Tax Assessors spoke in favor of the following requested abatements. Due to the fact that Councilor Mataronas has a personal interest in the abatement list he abstained from any action on the matter.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen) Councilor Mataronas abstained from action on this matter: 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**

**13-0810-00 Plat 9 Lots 323 & 324 \$4,400 \$24.82 2014**

**Mataronas, Gary S.**

**03-1221-55 personal property \$1,000 \$11.28 2014**

**Compton Clips**

**16-0494-10 2003 Ford F350 \$2,050 \$28.50 2014**

**Peckham, David W.**

**Robert Goff noted that approximately \$4142 in abated taxes have been authorized during this tax cycle. He will report to the Council in December with further information on the abatement process.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file an invitation received from the Wilbur McMahon Student Ambassadors to attend the Annual Veteran's Day Assembly on November 10th at 12:45 pm and to encourage the Councilors to attend this event.**

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

**Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a copy of a resolution adopted by the Newport City Council supporting Question #5 on the November 4, 2014 General Election Ballot.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a communication announcing that Polly Allen has been hired as the new coordinator for the Little Compton Prevention Coalition.**

**Mrs. Allen as in attendance and was congratulated on her new position.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file an announcement of a seminar on The Affordable Care Act and Local Government to be held by the RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust on November 13, 2014.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Council President to respond to IAFF Local 3957 that the Council accepts their invitation to bargain and proposes to additionally negotiate contract language on areas of common interest where review has been noted in the past before the**

**collective bargaining begins.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$30,380.36**

**Direct Energy - Public Safety @ Transfer Station \$303.74**

**Direct Energy - Adamsville Street Lights \$34.79**

**Direct Energy - Town Hall \$225.62**

**Direct Energy - I.O.O.F. \$14.19**

**Direct Energy - 32 Commons \$10.88**

**Direct Energy - Street Lights \$6.02**

**Direct Energy - Town Dock \$20.21**

**Direct Energy - Peckham Lot \$13.31**

**Nationalgrid - Adamsville Lights \$35.51**

**Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$168.91**

**Nationalgrid - I.O.O.F. \$21.10**

**Nationalgrid - 32 Commons \$18.78**

**Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$20.48**

**Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$15.39**

**Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$25.31**

**Nationalgrid - Public Safety @ Transfer Station \$223.52**

**Denise Cosgrove - Assessors \$49.28**

**Paychex - Treasurer 416.96**

**WBMason - Various Town Hall Offices \$315.29**

**IAAO - Assessor 175.00**

**Valcourt Heating - Town Hall \$112.50**

**Valcourt Heating - Public Safety Complex \$565.00**

**Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$32.89**

**Republic Services - Public Safety Complex \$10,014.72**

**Tripps Lawn Care, Inc. - Cemetery Fund \$138.00**

**Home Depot - Maintenance/Town Hall \$368.07**

**Poland Spring - Transfer Station \$8.01**

**Poland Spring - Town Hall \$21.16**

**Matthew Bender & Company Inc. - Town Council \$146.81**

**FIREX, Inc. - Transfer Station \$40.00**

**FIREX, Inc. - Maintenance Garage \$45.00**

**FIREX, Inc. - Senior Center \$75.00**

**FIREX Inc. - Town Hall \$105.00**

**FIREX Inc. - Public Safety Complex \$170.00**

**Direct Mail Manager Inc. - Charter Review Commission \$624.99**

**Paul's Press - Charter Review Commission \$1,898.00**

**Freedom Restoration & Cleaning - Maintenance/Capital \$2,255.00**

**William Moore - Maintenance/Capital \$60.64**

**Paychex - Treasurer 440.50**

**Petro - Gasoline 2,175.52**

**Richard Humphrey - Solicitor \$4,000.00**

**Richard Humphrey - Legal Services \$754.00**

**Richard Humphrey - Legal Services \$246.50**

**Mike Silva - Fire Dept. \$371.52**

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

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**Lyle Katseff - Fire Dept. \$371.52**

**Dennis M. Canario Jr. - Fire Dept. \$371.52**

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

**American Fire Equipment Co., Inc. - Fire Dept. \$660.00**

**Vic's Car Washes - Fire Dept. \$9.50**

**Cox Communications - Fire Dept. \$177.43**

**Southcoast Hospitals Group - Fire Dept. \$170.46**

**Enos - Fire Dept. 34.00**

**The Dawson Group - Fire Dept. \$628.75 \$3,959.26**

**Vic's Car Washes - Police Dept. \$9.50**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:36 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk**