

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on December 4th, A.D. 2014 at 6:15 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: Fire Chief Petrin, Craig Curtis and Joseph Quinn.**

**At 6:16 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to enter into executive session under RI General Law section 42-46-5(a)(2) collective bargaining. All voted in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen)**

**Those in attendance discussed options for the upcoming bargaining between the Town of Little Compton and town employees. Quinn provided perspective from recent negotiations with teachers and Curtis described process used in town where he served on finance committee. Councilors Appleton and Golembeske agreed to serve as negotiating team. Specific proposed changes to contract with IAFF local were discussed with Fire Chief.**

**At 7:00 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to come out of executive session under RI General Law section 42-46-5(a)(2) collective bargaining. All voted in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen)**

**Salute to the Flag.**

**At 7:02 PM the Council President called this portion of the meeting to order. Also in attendance at this time: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor, Tom Dunn, Business Manager, Fire Chief Petrin and Police Chief Marion.**

**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 from November 20, 2014.**

**Announcement:**

**1) Scott Morrison made a presentation to the Council and those members of the public in attendance regarding the next phase in fund raising for the Peckham Lot Recreational Field Project.**

**Public/Private Partnership in Keeping With LC Spirit**

- Total project is estimated to cost \$650,000**
- Engineering services**
- Construction of athletic field, tennis courts and completion of walking path**
- Contingencies**
- Endowment for maintenance**

**Source of Funds**

- **\$250,000 from RI Department of Environmental Management**
- **125,000 from Municipal/Talco Trusts**
- **62,500 from Town of Little Compton**
- **62,500 from 13 private donors**

**\$500,000 subtotal**

- **\$150,000 remains to be raised from the mailer**
- **We have \$75,000 in 1-for-1 matching donors from the Vineyard and 6 others!**
- **Need to raise a net \$75,000**

**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 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 Building Officials Department Head Report for November 2014.**

**Barbara Pelletier the representative for Tiverton on Discover Newport Board addressed the Council with a proposal concerning agritourism.**

**Rick Peckham represents Little Compton on Discover Newport but was not able to attend this evenings meeting. Mrs. Pelletier wishes to assist in developing a listing of all roadside farm stands and fishermen who wish to participate in this opportunity. Discover**

**Newport is developing a program where they will create a public relations campaign to make the public more aware of local produce options. A link exists presently on Discover Newport's website where a local farmer can have their name and information published. It is proposed that a small guide map will be created to assist individuals to the local farms. No votes were required this was simply informational.**

**Old Business #2 – continued discussion of a recycling proposal made by Carolyn's Sakonnet Vineyard will be moved to a future meeting due to a lack of new information from the vineyard. No actions were taken.**

**Councilor Mushen made the following statement of anticipated actions relating to the Peckham Lot Recreational Field Project:**

**Final Decisions on elements of project – December 4, 2014**

**Drawings completed – December 4, 2014**

**Permitting with RI Dept. of Environmental Management – January 4 to February 4 (2015)**

**Bid documents – February 4 to March 1 (RFP written)**

**RFP issued – March 1**

**Bid's received – March 15**

**Job awarded – April 9 to April 23**

**The Engineers for the project proposed an estimate of \$750,000 approximately \$100,000 more that anticipated. The Council plans to live within the funding that is available which will result in the removal of some portions of the proposed project at this time. Councilor Mushen made the following suggestions for reconsideration from the project at this time recognizing that the options for reconsideration could be added back into the project as funds become available:**

- **Base bid:**

- o **100x60 yd (vice 110x65 yd) field, situated as far north and west as feasible. Goal is to reduce needed elevation alteration from ~10 ft to ~6 ft, avoid need for tree retaining walls, move playing area as far as possible from street.**

- o **Single loop paved walking path around baseball field, connected to Dundery Trail entry path.**

- o **Replace surface of tennis court with “modern” material, in place, with minimum excavation to assure proper footing (liaison with initial installer may be useful).**

- o **Supply irrigation water from town well, avoiding drilling a new well.**

- o **Relocate north-south leg of memorial wall to place it along the street, continuing the line from the east. Use stone from current wall at tree line to the north, as feasible.**

- **Alternates:**

- o **Dedicated well**

- o Full restoration of tennis courts**
- o Figure eight walking path**
- o 110x65 yd field**

**Public comments:**

- Jeremy Allen – consider completing the half of the figure eight that would be on the Peckham Lot itself rather than disturbing the ball field reducing the impact on the use of the field by area youth. Also consider not installing an irrigation option.**
- Mike Steers – how will the public get information on the project as it proceeds? Councilor Mushen noted that he plans to have an item on each Council agenda for the Recreation Committee to report on the status of the project. This will keep the public informed of the status of permitting from RI Dept. of Environmental Management, RI Dept. of Transportation and any other process during the project**
- Can updates be put on the Town website for those individuals who can not attend the Council meetings? Yes that suggestion can be looked into**
- If an irrigation system is installed in the recreational field will this limit its use? The field is not intended to allow any vehicular parking or traffic, but will allow normal recreational activities.**
- Heather Steers – what will happen if the estimates come in over the planned budget? Answer: the Council plans to live within the available funding so the project will need to be revised to accommodate the funds available.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To move communications #2 – a letter received from the Little Compton Grange #32 asking if the Peckham Lot Recreational Field Project could possibly have Shuffle Board Courts included to this point in the meeting to consider at this time.**

**Councilor Mushen noted that due to the fact that the project is being downsized slightly due to funding it is unlikely that Shuffle Board Courts will be included in the initial construction phase. It is noted however that the request for these courts can be added to a list of potential options to be considered for future addition into the project if a location is determined to be appropriate on the lot.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To direct the Recreation Committee to move forward with the Peckham Lot Recreation Field Project with the following outlined changes acknowledging that any or all may be capable of reconsideration as additional funds become available, that the Council will ask for frequent updates at their regularly scheduled meetings on the project status as it progresses and that all final decisions on the project will be made by the Town Council:**

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**Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To endorse the idea of adding a Shuffle Board Court to options to be considered for future addition to the Peckham Lot Recreational Field Project.**

**Councilor Mushen noted that he has received one acceptance from a resident to serve on the review team for the Solarize Program. 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): To authorize the Town Council President to establish a review team as necessary for the review of proposals in conjunction with the RFP advertised for the Solarize Program.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To appoint Andrew Moore as the Assistant Town Moderator for a term which will expire upon the certification of the 2016 Election.**

**Julianna Barbieri of Manuka Sports Event Management presented a proposal to have a portion of the 2015 Race the State held in Little Compton. She proposed to have the race begin at South Shore Beach approximately at 7 am, run to the harbor then paddle on paddle boards across to Third Beach in Middletown with an anticipated end time in Little Compton of 8:30 am. Ms. Barbieri will draft a summary of anticipated number of buses, trailers and participants for the Council's use in consideration of this event request. 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): To refer to the Beach Commission, Harbor Commission, Fire Chief and Police Chief a proposal received from Manuka Sports Event Management to have a portion of the “2015 Race the State” held in Little Compton and to ask for a report on their review of the event details.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To hold the December 2015 Town Council meetings on the 3rd and the 17th.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To re-appoint Paul Borges as the Town Sergeant for the ensuing two years.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to sign an agreement between the State of Rhode Island, Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals and the Town of Little Compton regarding the FDA Tobacco Inspection**

**Program.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Director of Public Works to review a notice of public hearing of the RI Statewide Planning Council concerning a draft plan entitled “Solid Waste 2038” an element of the State Guide Plan, authorizing the DPW Director to attend on the Town’s behalf if he deems necessary.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to work with Senator Louis DiPalma to apply for a legislative grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the FY2014-2015 to the Senate on behalf of the Little Compton Seniors Club.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place in the Financial Town Meeting Budget Folder a grant request made by the East Bay Community Action Program.**

**Larry Anderson suggested the Council inform outside entities that any request for funding may not be put forward by the Council and informing these groups of the options to circulate a petition for**

**expenditure outside the budget for inclusion on the warrant for the Financial Town Meeting.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): 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**  
**05-0036-00 Plat 1, Lot 228-1 \$131,300 \$740.53 2014**  
**Eddy, Bruce & Maureen**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize Councilor Mataronas to review proposed amendments to Coastal Resources Management Program Table 1 – Water Type 6 Matrix and Sections 110 and 210.3 and attend a public hearing on the subject should he determine it necessary.**

**Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$26,968.87**

**Wilkie Excavating Inc. - Highway \$2,000.00**

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**PJ Keating Co - Highway \$297.50**

**Morton Salt Inc. - Highway \$2,165.25**

**William L Moore - Maintenance \$69.50**

**William L Moore - 30 Commons capital improvement \$147.94**

**Ryan C LeCaire - Highway detail \$284.32**

**EastBay Newspapers - Zoning Board \$132.30**

**EastBay Newspapers - Probate \$80.00**

**EastBay Newspapers - Town Clerk \$302.40**

**WBMason - Clerk - Assessors - Fire Dept. \$57.52**

**Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Town Hall \$105.00**

**Messenger Security Systems Inc. - 32 Commons \$65.00**

**Messenger Security Systems Inc. - 30 Commons \$65.00**

**Electrical Wholesalers Inc. - Maintenance \$43.99**

**Xerox Business Services LLC - RI Historical Records Fund \$1,299.00**

**Aquidneck Mooring - Harbor Management Funds \$157.98**

**Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$32.95**

**Seekonk Supply Inc. - Highway \$194.28**

**Tiverton Materials - Highway \$96.66**

**Chris Osborne - Gym Committee \$243.94**

**Valcourt Heating Inc. - Town Hall \$85.00**

**Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$44.76**

**Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$25.31**

**Direct Energy - Street Lights \$12.93**

**Direct Energy - Town Dock \$13.60**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply - Town Hall \$44.34**

**United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00**

**Richard S Humphrey - Legal Services \$420.50**

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

**Fisher Bus Inc. - Senior Busing \$450.00**

**Postmaster - Assessors \$196.00**

**Robert Booth - Assessors \$1,326.92**

**Leonard Duckworth - Assessors \$1,326.92**

**Robert H Goff Jr. - Assessors \$1,326.91**

**WBMason - Police Dept. \$43.22**

**Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Police Dept. \$1,296.13**

**Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Police Dept. \$392.50**

**Thomas Wood - Police Dept. \$410.00**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply - Police Dept. \$175.00**

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**Paul's Press - Recreational Field Project \$2,141.50**

**Edith Marion - Planning - Building - Zoning \$157.50**

**Dave Venancio - Inspectors \$750.00**

**William L Moore - Inspectors \$990.00**

**KTR Maintenance & Supply - Public Safety Complex \$1,040.00**

**Lyle Katseff - Fire Alarm Account \$185.76**

**Paul's Press - Fire Alarm Account \$48.00 \$233.76**

**Northeast Rescue Systems - Ambulance Reimb. \$718.00**

**Batteries plus bulbs - Ambulance Reimb. \$33.59**

**Southcoast Hospitals Group - Ambulance Reimb. \$16.56 \$768.15**

**Belmont Springs - fire Dept. \$21.19**  
**KTR Maintenance & Supply - fire Dept. \$155.00**  
**RIAFC - fire Dept. \$150.00 \$326.19**  
**Pioneer Heavy Duty Parts - Highway \$214.20**  
**Postmaster - Canvassers \$147.00**  
**Christopher Osborne - Gym Committee \$112.59**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 8:00 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk**