

**Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on January 22nd, A.D. 2015 at 6:00 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 Absent at this time: Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen.**

**At 6:00 PM Councilor Golembeske called the meeting to order and asked Rebecca Elwell to make her presentation on the Prevention Coalition Partnership for Success Grant.**

**Rebecca Elwell now serves as the Partnership for Success Grant Manager. During the summer of 2014 a survey was circulated to secure feedback on the perceived needs of Little Compton regarding substance use and abuse. The Partnership for Success Grant is a non-competitive grant where Little Compton was included in a larger substance abuse grant by the State of Rhode Island which targets ages 12-17 for underage drinking, marijuana use and combination uses. Little Compton ranked high in marijuana use in the target ages with the State of Rhode Island ranking as #1 in the county for marijuana use. Twelve communities were chosen to participate. Little Compton is looking to build soft infrastructures to help our youth. Soft infrastructure to Ms. Elwell is the ability to establish lines of communication, a networking between the community, school(s), families and youth to build relationships.**

**A strategic plan is due in March of 2015. A resident asked how did**

they establish Little Compton's needs. Ms. Elwell noted that the SALT survey's, school survey works data and archival data from hospital admissions, traffic data etc. were all used to determine our ranking. Since Little Compton does not have its own high school and our data stayed level without improvement it was flagged as unusual. The grant will concentrate on mostly marijuana use acknowledging that preventative measures for marijuana use will also address alcohol and substance abuse.

**Councilor Mushen arrived at 6:24 PM.**

At 6:30 PM the Town Council President called to order the Town Council for a joint session with the School Committee as per RIGL 16-2-21 for the purpose of reviewing preliminary revenue and budget expectations for 2015 – 2016. The School Committee Chairwoman called to order the School Committee for the same joint session. Council Members present at this time: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Paul J. Golembeske and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Gary S. Mataronas. School Committee Members: Thomas C. Alder, Jr., Polly Gracia Allen, Peg Bugara, Lori Ann Craffey and Patrick McHugh. Also: Kathy Crowley, School Superintendent and John McNamee, Financial Manager for the School.

The Town Council submitted copies of a (3) three year revenue forecast for FY 2016-2018 and reviewed the document.

**John McNamee reviewed the preliminary proposed 2015-2016 school budget acknowledging that the school committee is in the early stages of developing a budget for the next fiscal year. At this time the school department is planning on a 4% increase to the town appropriation as per RI General Law.**

**Receiving no questions from the public the committees withdrew from their sessions as follows:**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To recess until 7:00 PM to allow those in attendance the ability to leave the chambers if they desire.**

**The School Committee properly adjourned.**

**At 7:00 PM the Council President called the Council meeting back into open session with a call to Salute the Flag.**

**Council Members present at this time: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Paul J. Golembeske and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Gary S. Mataronas. The Town Solicitor arrived at 7:09 PM.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To approve, as written the January 8, 2015**

## **Town Council meeting minutes.**

### **Announcements:**

**1) A Kick-Off for the Solarize Program for Little Compton and Tiverton will be held on January 26, 2015 at 10 am at Sandywoods – State officials will be there to promote this initiative**

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

**Rebecca Elwell and Polly Allen of the Prevention Coalition stated that there were no further updates concerning the Partnership for Success Grant beyond that mentioned earlier this evening. They also asked if the Town would consider allowing the town maintenance personnel to place purple ribbons, a few purple lights and a purple banner on town lamp posts and on the Commons to bring awareness to Project Purple. Project Purple is an effort to raise awareness to take a stand against drug and alcohol abuse.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To accept the proposal of the Prevention**

**Coalition to authorize the town's maintenance personnel to place purple ribbons on the lamp posts in the Commons, a few purple light bulb's on the Town Hall and a banner pertaining to Project Purple on the Town Basketball Court fence for the week of January 26 to 30 to raise awareness against drug and alcohol abuse.**

**Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor arrived at 7:09 PM.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To adopt the following resolution:**

## **PROJECT PURPLE**

**WHEREAS, NBA basketball player, Chris Herren created the Herren Project, a non-profit foundation to assist individuals and families struggling with addictions, and**

**WHEREAS, during a speaking event at a high school Chris Herren developed Project Purple after witnessing great courage in a set of high school students who proudly displayed purple as a symbol of their pledge to not use drugs or alcohol, and**

**WHEREAS, it is the goal of Project Purple to bring awareness to those in the community of the need to support individuals who take a stand against drug or alcohol use,**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on this 22nd day of January, 2015 the Little Compton Town Council, do hereby proclaim the week of January 26 through January 30, 2015 as PROJECT PURPLE WEEK in the Town of Little Compton and hereby urge all citizens to celebrate and support the effort by wearing the color purple and displaying the color outside of their homes or businesses in Little Compton.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to return to a future Council meeting with a full roster of board members for the Conservation Commission, the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee and the Recreation Committee to be voted upon to finalize the appropriate term lengths and designations as a result of the Charter changes made after the November 2014 election.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to develop a Memorandum of Agreement to be considered between the Town of Little Compton and Stay At Home LLC governing what the minimum requirements the Town desires and how dispatching of services should be assigned.**

**The Town anticipates the new senior bus to arrive in early February, 2015.**

**The Police Chief noted that 70 applications were received for the police officer vacancy. On Saturday, January 17th a physical fitness assessment was conducted which resulted in 22 applicants remaining as eligible to continue to the written exam. A candidate to enter the RI Municipal Police Academy will need to be put forward no later than the beginning of May. No actions were taken.**

**Robert Goff, Chairman of the Budget Committee asked the Town Council to consider reimbursing or not withdrawing the \$62,500 out the general fund, which was voted on by the Financial Town Meeting as part of the funding for the Peckham Lot Project. Mr. Goff believed the fund raising efforts to help cover the expenses of the project were going so well that this request could be granted. Councilor Mushen noted that although the fund raising is bringing in more funds it is not enough to fund the full project and therefore the Council will not be capable of granting this request.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To place in the budget folder a request made of the Budget Committee concerning the \$62,500 appropriation for the Peckham Lot Project to be considered further during budget**

**deliberations.**

**At 7:30 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners considered and voted the following:**

**Remonstrant's Hearing to hear an application for the transfer of a Class BV Beverage License now held by the Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Crowther's Restaurant to The Crow, LLC d/b/a Crowther's Restaurant. The advertisement was printed for the transfer to Crow Rest, LLC d/b/a Crowther's Restaurant due to the initial application for said name. It was noted by the Town Clerk that Mr. Lewis secured his LLC in the name of The Crow, LLC rather than Crow Rest, LLC and as such asked for the transfer to be considered to the correct LLC name. Joseph Marion, III, Esq. representing Kenneth Lewis noted that Mr. Lewis has been the manager of Crowther's Restaurant since March of 2008 and plans to purchase the establishment from the present owner.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To approve the transfer of a Class BV Beverage License now held by the Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Crowther's Restaurant to The Crow, LLC d/b/a Crowther's Restaurant for premises located at 90 Pottersville Rd, contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements being met.**

**The Council returned to New Business items to continue the agenda as posted. New Business #2 – Discussion of the proposed Capital Plan. Councilor Mushen asked his fellow Councilors to review the past Budget Committee Report and to be prepared to discuss their opinions on a capital plan and the upcoming budget figures. No actions were taken.**

**Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To approve a request to advertise an RFP for a Statistical Reappraisal and Revaluation and to receive proposals at the March 19, 2015 Town Council meeting.**

**At 7:40 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners returned to session with the following matters:**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To ratify the actions of the Town Council President to grant a one day Class F Beverage License to the Little Compton Community Center for an event held January 20, 2015 from 5 PM to 7 PM.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To grant permission to the Town Clerk to**

**advertise an application for the transfer of a Class A Beverage License held by East View LLC d/b/a Goulart's Package Store to Coastal Interests LLC d/b/a Gleasons Wine & Spirits for premises located at 39 Meeting House Lane for hearing February 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To place in the budget folder for consideration a request made by the Little Compton Wellness Center for \$5,000 to be included in the FY2016 budget.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To accept with regret with resignation of Special Officer John Gatta and the withdrawal of his application to be considered to fill a full time position in the Little Compton Police Department.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To direct the Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$183 for per diem to Sergeant John Faira, Jr. for upcoming training.**

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

**Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To place the consent calendar on file as follows:**

**1. Letter from Police Chief Antone Marion III stating that he will be on vacation from February 1st through February 10th and that Sergeant Faria will be acting Chief from the 1st – 8th and Sergeant Natale will assume those responsibilities on the 9th and 10th.**

**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: \$36,526.09**

**Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$1,045.77**

**Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$125.65**

**Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$30.49**

**Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$19.30**

**Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$43.17**

**Nationalgrid - 32 Commons \$21.34**

**Nationalgrid - I.O.O.F. \$21.95**

**Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$180.41**

**Nationalgrid - Adamsville Street Lights \$115.85**

**Nationalgrid - Public Safety @ Transfer Station \$199.85**

**Direct Energy - Transfer Station \$164.11**

**Direct Energy - Public Safety Complex \$672.40**

**Direct Energy - Street Lights \$45.86**

**Direct Energy - Public Safety @ Transfer Station \$270.61**

**Direct Energy - Adamsville Street Lights \$150.12**

**Direct Energy - Town Hall \$242.73**

**Direct Energy - I.O.O.F. \$15.45**

**Direct Energy - 30 Commons \$14.57**

**Direct Energy - Peckham Lot \$11.66**

**Direct Energy - Town Dock \$27.70**

**Republic Services - Transfer Station \$9,085.47**

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

**Valcourt Heating - Public Safety Complex \$135.00**

**Poland Spring - Town Hall - Clerk \$7.93**

**Poland Spring - Transfer Station \$22.88**

**Tiverton Auto Body - Fire Dept \$71.00**

**EMSAR New England - Fire Dept. \$320.00**

**Verizon - Fire Dept. \$122.91**

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

**Bound Tree Medical - Fire Dept. \$24.72**

**FSP Books & Videos - Fire Dept. \$247.80**

**Woods Small Engine Repair LLC - Fire Dept. \$126.50**

**Vic's Car Washes - Fire Dept. \$28.50**

**Cox Communications - Fire Dept. \$166.70**

**Kevins Auto Parts, Inc. - Fire Dept. \$65.34 \$1,223.47**

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

**Rob's Auto Care, Inc. - Police Dept. \$45.00**

**TMDE Calibration Labs, Inc. - Police Dept. \$597.77**

**Thomas Wood - Police Dept. \$320.00**

**W.B.Mason - Police Dept. \$36.27**

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

**Cox Communications - Police Dept. \$181.36**

**Rob's Auto Care, Inc. - Police Dept. \$170.75 \$1,962.15**

**Verizon - Drug Forfeiture \$272.66 \$272.66**

**NEACTC - Town Clerk \$25.00**

**Home Depot - Maintenance Dept./Town Hall \$139.94**

**Safeguard Business Systems - Treasurer \$411.18**

**Paychex - Treasurer \$449.65**

**RIAAO - Assessor \$50.00**

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

**Petro - Gasoline \$1,575.57**

**Verizon - Transfer Station \$30.21**

**Verizon - Building Official \$58.98**

**Verizon - Maintenance Dept. \$30.21**

**Verizon - Maintenance Dept. \$33.06**

**EastBay - Probate \$40.00**

**EastBay - Town Council \$31.50**

**EastBay - Zoning Board \$63.00**

**EastBay - Town Council \$226.80**

**Providence Journal - Contingency \$532.14**

**Hague, Sahady & CO., P.C. \$9,353.00**

**Lowes - Maintenance Dept. \$45.37**

**Modern Printing - Harbor Management Fund \$130.00**

**Petro - Deisel \$362.11**

**William L. Moore - Highway Dept. \$481.25**

**Goulart Petroleum - Fuel - 30 Commons \$886.33**

**Goulart Petroleum - Fuel - 40 Commons \$1,142.87**

**Goulart Petroleum - Fuel - Public Safety Complex \$740.01**

**Medeiros & Sons Construction, Inc. - Highway Dept. \$615.03**

**Tiverton Materials - Highway Dept. \$121.03**

**Morton Salt, Inc. - Highway Dept. \$2,175.34**

**Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$32.96**

**Councilor Mushen reminded his fellow Councilors that they will meet again on January 29, 2015 to discuss a preliminary budget proposal and capital plan.**

**Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:44 PM.**

**Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk**