

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on May 7th, A.D. 2015 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 present: Police Chief A. Marion, III and Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor.

Salute to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the April 23, 2015 Town Council meeting minutes.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mushen) Councilor Mataronas abstained: To approve, as written the April 30, 2015 Town Council meeting minutes.

Announcements:

1) There will be a collection site for household hazardous waste sponsored by the RI Resource Recovery Corp. under its Eco-Depot program at Veteran's Field on May 30, 2015 from 8 am to 1 pm. Appointments are required.

2) The Annual Financial Town Meeting will be held on May 19, 2015 at

the Wilbur-McMahon School Auditorium beginning at 7 PM.

Residents are encouraged to attend.

3) Councilor Mataronas noted that the repairs to the boat launching ramp at Sakonnet Harbor has started and on schedule

4) Councilor Bodington noted that he has scheduled a collection container to be delivered to the Town Transfer Station to collect cooling oil. Newport Biodiesel will deliver the container next week.

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 April 2015.

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 April 2015.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve of the actions of the Director of Public Works to award a bid for the cutting and trimming of two town owned properties to Steven K. Reuter Lawn & Landscape, Inc., 16 Wordell Ln, Little Compton, for 60 Simmons Rd/Public Safety Complex at a price of \$150/mowing and 43 Meeting House Ln/Ponderosa at a price of \$50/mowing.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve of the recommendation of the Director of Public Works to purchase a 2015 Ferris zero turn 61” deck mower with a Kohler engine from Helger’s South Coast Power Equipment of Westport, MA in the amount of \$9,000.

The Town Clerk commented that the advertisement to receive applications for part-time public safety dispatchers did not make it into the paper properly. Only one application has been received from an individual who was verbally informed of the pending deadline. Police Chief Marion recommends hiring the individual who applied based on his personal knowledge of the applicant and then assuring that an advertisement does get placed in the Sakonnet Times to seek additional applicants.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To make a conditional offer of employment to Thomas A Wood for the position of part-time Public Safety Dispatcher, contingent upon a successful background check with salary as set forth in the LC Municipal Employees Union.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by

Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To advertise to receive applications for the position of part-time Public Safety Dispatcher.

Councilor Mushen noted that Senator DiPalma has informed the Town that the State Dept. of Transportation expects to grind out the center strip on West Main Road, repave and then chip seal West main Road. They expect this to start mid to late June and take approximately 3 days to complete.

Councilor Mushen noted that the Solarize Program is moving along quite well. There are sufficient participants to secure Tier 2 pricing with a distinct possibility of achieving Tier 3. RI Office of Energy Resources has requested the Council agree to extend the deadline previously set for May 8th to be moved to June 14th due to the harsh weather restrictions during the first weeks of the program.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To support the request of RI Office of Energy Resources to extent their deadline to June 14, 2015 for residents to sign up for the Solar Program.

Councilor Mushen noted that the Chairman and Administrative Office of the Planning Board met with Kevin Nelson of Statewide Planning to discuss the Town's update to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Nelson

made a few suggestions including that the Town establish actions to reflect the goals drafted for the revised plan, reviewing the plans for Barrington, Jamestown and New Shoreham and seeking the assistance of a consultant.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To appoint George E Goulart, Jr. as the third alternate member of the Zoning Board of Reviewing for a term that will expire July 15, 2019.

Councilor Bodington noted that Round Meadows does supply a dumpster for its seasonal residents to use for solid waste, but they do not supply a separate collection for recyclables. After considering the options available the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To advertise to consider amending the Town Code, Chapter 8 to include a seasonal pass to be used from Memorial Day to September 30 of the year issued at a cost of \$5.00 each, a public hearing shall be held May 21, 2015 to consider said amendment.

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

Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To ratify the amendments made by the Town's codifier to the Town ordinances due to the vote of the electorate amending the Town's Home Rule Charter.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to Gabriel Long to use the Town Landing sometime during June 9 to June 25 for one night from approximately 8:30 pm to 12:30 am to film a portion of a film contingent upon being fully insured with a \$1,000,000 liability coverage.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Treasurer to adjust Patrolman Farrar's earnings effective June 18, 2015 until March 7, 2016 to \$371.61 due to her activation with the RI national Guard Unit as per the Little Compton Town Code Section 10-1.7 Personnel subsection (g).

Councilor Mushen reviewed portions of the Final Draft: April, 2015 Rhode Island Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan as received from the RI Division of Planning which speaks a future plan to assist in increasing the life of the State Landfill. Within the executive summary it recommends three actions:

- a) An increase to the municipal tip fee from \$32/ton to the regional market rate of \$65/ton to take effect July 1, 2017**
- b) Provide technical assistance to any municipality choosing to implement local PAYT**
- c) Make available a RIRRC managed PAYT program, as an opt-in for municipalities**

Councilor Mushen will be attending a Board of Directors meeting of the RI League of Cities and Towns next week where this matter will be discussed. He asked his fellow Councilors if they had any comments they wished him to bring to the discussion. Concerns brought forth during discussion:

- 1. They would support a gradual increase to the tipping fee, but not a full step increase as suggested**
- 2. Noticed the report expects the Landfill to close in 2038**
- 3. Locally need to enforce the recycling better and educate the residents better on cost factors vs. not recycling properly**
- 4. Should we consider an extreme action such as locating a sorting table at the transfer station where the trash will be inspected**
- 5. How much would an additional worker at the Transfer Station cost vs. the savings gained through more vigilance**

At 7:46 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To allow the Town Clerk to advertise to conduct a Remonstrant's Hearing on June 4, 2015 to consider the application of Simmons Café and Marketplace, LLC d/b/a Simmons Café and Market for a Class BV-limited Retail Beverage License for premises located at 78 Crandall Road in the Village of Adamsville.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second by Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained from voting: To place on file a resolution adopted by the East Greenwich Town Council regarding restoration of the RI Ethics Commission's authority to prosecute alleged conflicts of interest by members of the RI General Assembly.

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

**TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON
RESOLUTION**

IN SUPPORT OF H6040, H6041, H6042, H6043, S816, S818 AND S820

REGARDING THE STATE GUIDE PLAN AND STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FOR MUNICIPAL CHOICE AS TO RHODEMAP RI

WHEREAS, the Town of Little Compton, while affirming its support of affordable housing, is concerned with new preemptions of local zoning and planning authority, and

WHEREAS, RhodeMap RI, through the state guide plan, in conjunction with commitments made in certifications to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), would result in new preemptions of local zoning and planning authority, and

WHEREAS, H6041, H6042 and S820 would provide municipalities with the choice to opt out of provisions contained in the new state guide plan that exceed the current affordable housing requirements and any related land use provisions, and

WHEREAS, H6040 and S816 would prohibit the state guide plan from including provisions that exceed the current affordable housing requirements and related land use in the state guide plan, and

WHEREAS, H6043 and S818 would repeal references to compliance with the state guide plan relative to local comprehensive plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Little Compton Town

Council hereby urges the Honorable Members of the General Assembly to pass H6040, H6041, H6042, H6043, S816, S818 and S820.

Adopted this 7th day of May, 2015.

Robert L Mushen, Town Council President

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to John Laboissonniere to use the field area of Veteran's Field on August 29, 2015 from approximately 8 am to 11 pm to park vehicles for his guests attending his daughter's wedding which will be held at their home.

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: \$17,372.32

Sanmass Inc. - Civic Rec \$240.75

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Xerox Business Services LLC - RI Hist. Trust Funds \$1,299.00

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

Verizon - Wastewater Treatment Facility \$51.70

Allied Court Reporters - Zoning Board \$125.00

Thomas G Dunn III - Business Manager \$236.97

WBMason - Fire Dept. - Canvassers \$25.29

CS & M - Town Hall \$95.00

Petro - Gasoline \$1,807.81

KTR Maintenance & Supply LLC - Fire Dept. \$105.57

State of Rhode Island - Ambulance Reimb. Fund \$340.00

Dawson Group - Ambulance Reimb. Fund \$727.72

Shipman's Fire Equip. Co. Inc. - Amb. Reimb. Fund \$153.95

BoundTree Medical - Amb. Reimb. Fund \$509.97 \$1,731.64

Nationalgrid - Street Lights Town Dock \$46.64

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$25.97

Rob's Auto Care Inc - Police Dept. \$85.00

KTR Maintenance & Supply LLC - Police Dept. \$84.38 \$169.38

John W Kennedy Co RI - Drug Forfeiture \$209.53

Taser - Drug Forfeiture \$390.00 \$599.53

Edith Marion - Building - Zoning - Planning \$294.00

Effluential Technologies - Wastewater Treatment Facility \$1,302.50

Richard S Humphrey - Legal services \$1,193.50

Richard S Humphrey - Legal services \$310.00

Direct Energy - Street Lights \$10.40

Direct Energy - Street Lights Town Dock \$10.98

Paychex of New York, LLC - Treasurer \$448.19

Tiverton Sign Shop - Highway \$132.00

Mello's Diesel Service Inc - Highway \$1,045.51

Humphrey's - Maintenance \$256.95

Humphrey's - Maintenance \$21.02

Dave Venancio - Inspections \$540.00
Rich McGee & Son Excavating - Highway \$632.00
Petro - Diesel \$1,202.60
William L Moore - Inspections \$840.00
WBMason - clerk - Town Hall - Assessors \$175.67
Blackboard Inc - Fire Dept. \$1,249.75

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To take a brief recess to allow the public to leave the chambers prior to entering into executive session.

At 7:55 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to enter into executive session under RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) collective bargaining for the LC Municipal Employees Union NEARI and Local 3957 IAFF. All voted in favor: Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen.

Attendees for executive session: 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.

Discussion and review of final proposals for contracts for the LC Municipal Employees Union NEARI and Local 3957 IAFF.

At 8:26 PM the Town Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to come out of executive session under RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) collective bargaining for the LC Municipal Employees Union NEARI and Local 3957 IAFF. All voted in favor: Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept the final proposal negotiated with the Little Compton Municipal Employees Union NEARI by Councilor Appleton and Councilor Golembeske reflecting a 2% salary increase each year for a three year period and a one time bonus of \$500 for a contract period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept the final package negotiated with Local 3957 IAFF by Councilor Appleton and Councilor Golembeske with an amendment to language pertaining to part-time firefighters (which may be further amended by the Council President and Town Solicitor upon review with the Local), and for a contract period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn 8:29 PM.

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk