

**SPECIAL MEETING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL FEBRUARY  
9, 2015**

**SCOUTERS HALL, 13 MAIN ST                      7:00 P.M.**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. with the prayer and the pledge to the flag. Council members present were Mr. Alter, Mrs. Nadeau, Mr. Zwolenski and Mr. Boucher. Ms. Alves was unable to attend due to the weather. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Hamilton and Town Solicitor Iglizzi. Members of the School Committee present were Mr. Connell, Mrs. Merredythe Nadeau, and Mr. Bassett. Members of the Budget Committee present were Mr. Clifford, Mr. Rapko, Mr. Ahern, and Mr. Winkleman.

**HOLIDAY SALES LICENSE - SLEEPY'S**

**MOTION** made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a holiday sales license for Sleepy's, Inc.

**CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR SPECIAL MEETING TONIGHT**

Mr. Boucher stated that the reason for the change in the location of the Town Council Meeting was due to the uncertainty of the use of the North Smithfield Middle School. Publication for the change was on the Secretary of State's website, the North Smithfield Middle School, and the Town's website. Officer Rondeau was instructed to stay at the

**Middle School directing people to Scouters Hall from 6:41 P.M. to 7:04 P.M.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The Town Council and the School Committee scheduled a meeting to discuss the North Smithfield Teachers Association Contract. This would take place in Executive session.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Alter, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to go into Executive Session at 7:06 P.M. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (A)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation to discuss the North Smithfield Teachers Association Contract.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to come out of executive session at 8:00 P.M and to seal the minutes. No motions were made and no votes were taken.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Alter, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to table the discussion by council, vote or other action on North Smithfield Teachers Association Contract.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, favoring a**

two to one vote, by a yea and nay, to table the discussion of the Teachers' Contract for 30 days. This will give the new appointed members a chance to review the changes requested in the contract. Mr. Zwolenski requested the School Committee entertain a roll call vote. Mr. Bassett and Mrs. Nadeau voted "yes" and Mr. Connell voted "no".

## **FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE TOWN, FISCAL CONCERNS AND BUDGETING**

Jason Parmelee, Director of Finance, displayed a projection of the next 3 years as a spreadsheet. The findings were as follows: the projected revenue from the levy for 2015-2016 is \$31,030,000.00 (a growth of .44%), 2016-2017 is \$31,045,965.00 (a growth of .05%), and 2017-2018 is \$31,159,491.00 (a growth of .37%). All figures are the best estimate on data as of February of 2015. Postings for the links and more details will be on the Town's website. Mr. Parmelee will supply a comparative to Burrillville, Lincoln, and Smithfield.

The projection of the state aid website displayed no changes or level funding of the excise tax, the incentive tax, and library aid. State aid is increasing over the next 3 years by a small percentage.

## **CAPITAL BUDGET**

A summary of all the department requests for the next 5 years is as follows: 1.) Sewer \$53,000,000.00 2.) Presently there is no request from the water 3.) Police \$181,000.00 for the use of vehicle

replacements and new computer technology 4.) School Department \$147,000.00 for Technology projects 5.) Finance request for a copier, new computers, Phoenix upgrades, and server upgrades for 2017-2018.

The Budget Committee prepared a packet consisting of a complete financial analysis. Ninety-five percent of the revenue is from taxes, school, and state aid. Tangibles generate 20% of tax revenue, although they only represent 9% of net of assessed value, and motor vehicles generate 14%, although they only represent 8%. Our tax revenue growth is driven solely by tangibles. Narragansett Electric represents 13.5% of the town's tax revenue. The town is on a downward slope due to the lack of economic growth. Our declining tangibles are short term and our long-term tangibles are uncertain. 84% of expenditures are comprised of school, public safety and debt services. Sixty seven percent of town expenditures are labor related (excluding the North Smithfield Fire Department contracted services); this bumps 67% up to 73%. It is essential that our main objective should be cooperation and teamwork amongst the Town Council, Town Administration, the School Department, and the Budget Committee. A copy of this packet is also available on the Town's website.

**ABATEMENTS** made by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Alter, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to accept the abatements for \$7398.05.

## **COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to authorize Mr. Iglizzi to provide the wording to amend item # 17 of the Town Council Rules of Order.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Alter, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to amend the Town Council Rules of Order to read as follows:(item # 14b) insert the word “Pledge” and move Roll Call to (c),and adjust the alphabet by line :(d) thru (j), adding the letter(k).**

## **ADOPTION NOTICE AND HEARING REQUIREMENTS**

**Mr. Zwolenski had some concerns regarding the zoning section RI 45-24-53 Adoption notice and Hearing Requirements section G; the cost of notice required under this section shall be borne by the applicant.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to request Mr. Iglizzi to look into changing the wording as follows; When a resident is applying for anything that requires an abutter notification; that the applicant provides the notification list to the Town Clerk’s office, in return, the Town Clerk’s office will notify them and charge them for any fees in association for any notification.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to continue the rules.**

#### **APPOINTMENT TO PERSONNEL BOARD**

**Town Administrator Hamilton would like to appoint Mr. Robert Guernon to the Personnel Board.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to accept Mrs. Hamilton's request to appoint Mr. Guernon to the Personnel Board. This is a 3-year term expiring 12/01/2015.**

#### **APPOINTMENT TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Town Administrator Hamilton appointed Mr. John Raymond to the School Committee. Mr. Zwolenski received an email from Ms. Alves requesting consideration for Ms. Liane Jalette as an applicant for the School Committee.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Alter, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to appoint Ms. Liane Jalette to the School Committee.**

#### **COUNCIL LIAISONS**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to nominate Ms. Alves as the**

**Town Liaison to the Budget Committee.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to nominate himself (Mr. Zwolenski) as the Liaison between the Planning Board and the Zoning Board.**

**RISE MAYORAL ACADEMY**

**The Woonsocket City Council contacted Mr. Boucher to schedule a fact gathering public forum regarding The Rise Mayoral Academy. This would be a workshop including Woonsocket and Burrillville.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Alter, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to schedule a workshop for The Rise Mayoral Academy.**

**MOTION made by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to adjourn at 9:30 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joanne Buttie, Deputy Town Clerk**