

SPECIAL MEETING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

JUNE 22, 2015

KENDALL-DEAN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

7:00 P.M.

The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. with the prayer and the pledge to the flag. Council members present were Ms. Alves, Mrs. Nadeau, Mr. Zwolenski and Mr. Boucher. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Hamilton and Town Solicitor Igliazzi.

ACCREDITATION PRESENTATION TO NORTH SMITHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Middletown Police Chief Anthony M. Pesare and Executive Director of the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission Christine Crocker presented North Smithfield Police Chief Steven Reynolds with an award certifying that the department has attained accreditation.

This is the first award of accreditation by any police department in the state of Rhode Island that hasn't already received national accreditation.

USE OF KENDALL-DEAN FOR TOWN/SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Hamilton noted that a verbal okay had been given by the School Committee.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION STAGE II APPLICATION

Mrs. Nadeau stated that Mr. Igliazzi has been in contact with

Robinson Green & Beretta and is awaiting documentation that had been requested.

Retaining Architectural or Other Professional Services

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to hire Studio Meja for the Stage II application to RIDE.

AWARD OF BID TRASH/RECYCLING CONTRACT

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve the contract and award the bid for refuse and recyclables collection to MTG Disposal in the amount of \$511,000 for the one-year period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAND USE RESTRICTIONS - HIGHWAY BARN PROPERTY

Several years ago there was a hydraulic spill inside the garage that has been cleaned up but the property is under mandatory monitoring of

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the well water. This land can never be sold or used for any other purposes other than public works.

Mr. Igliozzi further explained that DEM requires that restrictions be placed on the deed and will be recorded in the town's land evidence records.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the document after the correct date has been entered.

FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET REVENUE

PRIOR YEAR TAXES

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$572,500.

TOWN CLERK - OTHER FEES

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$324,150.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$147,000.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$25,250.

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$433,498.

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$10,000.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$265,000.

RHODE ISLAND STATE AID

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$7,384,067.

The non-tax levy is \$9,161,465.

EXPENSES

TOWN COUNCIL

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0

on a roll call vote to approve \$10,650.

PROBATE COURT

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$8,914.

TOWN SOLICITOR

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$195,514.

MUNICIPAL COURT

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$32,190.

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 3 to 1 on a roll call vote (Mrs. Nadeau voted no) to approve \$116,000.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$133,996.

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PLANNING DIVISION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$129,143.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$19,975.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$200,687.

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$107,281.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$86,226.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$500.

AUDITS & COMPUTER SERVICE

Mr. Zwolenski recommended increasing the line item for Professional Services Audit from \$9,000 to \$10,000.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 3 to

1 on a roll call vote (Ms. Alves voted no) to approve \$159,730.

ZONING BOARD

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$6,330.

PERSONNEL BOARD

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$1.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$1,459.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$250.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$1.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$2,500.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$1.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$2,000.

JUVENILE HEARING BOARD

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$2,275.

TOWN HALL

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$7,607.

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PLANT OPERATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$165,904.

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0

on a roll call vote to approve \$14,150.

CONTINGENCY FUND

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$394,500.

SCOUTERS HALL

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$2,660.

NORTH SMITHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$409,133.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$2,211,186.

ANIMAL CONTROL

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$60,690.

EMA

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau and Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$19,110.

NORTH SMITHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau and Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$2,615,080.

HYDRANT RENTAL

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$51,375.

INSPECTION DIVISION

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$118,587.

DPW - ADMINISTRATION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 3 to 0 on a roll call vote (Ms. Alves recused) to approve \$95,101.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 3 to 1 on a roll call vote (Mr. Boucher voted no) to approve \$1,165,193.

PARKS AND RECREATION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$78,042.

TREE WARDEN

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$4,230.

STREET LIGHTS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$255,000.

RUBBISH DISPOSAL

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$654,937.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$1.

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DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$2,134,051.

DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$1,290,236.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve \$1,868,643. This motion and second was later withdrawn.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 3 to 0 on a roll call vote (Ms. Alves recused) to approve \$1,842,625 based on the recalculations done by the Finance Director.

INSURANCE

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$175,934.

SETTLEMENT OBLIGATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$95,000.

CAPITAL

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski and seconded by Mrs. Nadeau to approve the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$599,597.

Mrs. Nadeau asked what created the difference from the Administrator's recommendation of \$674,597.

Finance Director Jason Parmelee explained the difference between the two amounts was the Administrator recommended funding resurfacing of four tennis courts at a cost of \$150,000 and the Budget Committee opted to fund \$75,000 for two courts.

Mr. Zwolenski wanted to purchase two police cruisers using the operating budget capital account and one SUV vehicle using the Cruiser Rental Account. A lengthy discussion followed.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski and seconded by Mrs. Nadeau to purchase two police cruisers with capital funding and one SUV using the police detail account.

Roll call: Ms. Alves - no; Mrs. Nadeau - yes; Mr. Zwolenski - yes; and Mr. Boucher - no. The motion failed 2 to 2.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve the following town capital line items (Tech hardware for \$63,622, Desk replacements for \$14,334, Vestible changes for \$11,775 and Diverting valves for \$10,000 - total of \$99,731) subject to and contingent upon advanced advisory opinion from the Rhode Island Department of Education that it will not constitute a maintenance of effort.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve a capital amount for the town of \$499,866.

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote at 10:00 P.M. to extend the meeting to 10:15 P.M.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$24,661,844 based upon the recommendations of Town Administration and the Budget Committee.

GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski and seconded by Ms. Alves to approve \$23,668 as recommended by both the Administration and the Budget Committee.

Although she supports the program, Ms. Alves felt the \$3,600 for We The People should stay in the school department budget.

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Roll call: Ms. Alves - no; Mrs. Nadeau - yes; Mr. Zwolenski - yes; and Mr. Boucher - no. The motion failed 2 to 2.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote at 10:15 P.M. to extend the meeting to 10:30 P.M.

MOTION by Ms. Alves and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve \$20,068.

Roll call: Ms. Alves - yes; Mrs. Nadeau - no; Mr. Zwolenski - no; and Mr. Boucher - yes. The motion failed 2 to 2.

MOTION by Ms. Alves and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve \$21,068 that includes \$1,000 for We The People.

After further discussion the motion and second were withdrawn.

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Boucher, Mr. Zwolenski and Mrs. Nadeau and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$23,668 that will include \$1,000 for We The People and \$7,600 for Senior Services, Inc.

Mr. Parmelee noted that the revenue amount is \$30,860,826 and the levy amount needs to be \$31,592,680 for a 2.26% overall levy increase.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote at 10:30 P.M. to extend the meeting to 11:00 P.M.

REVENUE

CURRENT YEAR TAXES

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve \$31,199,599 based on abatements of \$100,000 and a 98 percent tax collection rate.

METHOD OF TAX COLLECTION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to set the range for not less than \$31,550,000 nor more than \$31,650,000.

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on an aye vote to adjourn at 10:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Todd, Town Clerk