

REGULAR MEETING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

AUGUST 3, 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. Soly and Mr. Boucher. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Hamilton, Town Solicitor Iglizzi and Finance Director Parmelee.

(Mr. Zwolenski arrived at 7:01 P.M.)

OUTDOOR SOUND SYSTEM

MOTION by Mr. Zwolwenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to grant permission to Mrs. Puccetti to use an outdoor sound system on September 6, 2015 from 4:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to enter into executive session at 7:04 P.M. pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A)(5) Any discussion or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or to the disposition of public held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public pertaining to Interjurisdictional Water and Wastewater agreements with the City of Woonsocket and RIGL

**42-46-5(A) (2) sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation
- City of Woonsocket vs. Council of Elementary and Secondary
Education et al/Potential litigation.**

**MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted
unanimously on a roll call vote to come out of executive session at
8:54 P.M and to seal the minutes. No motions were made and no
votes were taken.**

**INTERJURISDICTIONAL WATER AND WASTEWATER AGREEMENTS
WITH CITY OF WOONSOCKET**

**Town Solicitor Igliazzi requested that this item be passed until he has
something more formal to present to the Council.**

**MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted
unanimously on a roll call vote to request that this item be tabled to
the next meeting until Attorney Igliazzi has something more formal to
present to the Council.**

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CITY OF WOONSOCKET VS COUNCIL OF ELEMENTARY AND

SECONDARY EDUCATION ET AL

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves to direct Town Administrator Hamilton to resign from partnering or to any operational activities with the RISE Mayoral Academy.

Roll call vote: Ms. Alves – Yes; Mrs. Nadeau – No; Mr. Soly – Yes; Mr. Zwolenski – Yes; and Mr. Boucher – Yes. Motion passed 4 to 1.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote not to accept or entertain any legal fees that may occur or come forward from Town Administrator Hamilton's participation in the Rise Mayor Academy.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, that the North Smithfield Town Council do not accept or entertain any legal fees brought against Paulette Hamilton in her position as a resident of the Town of North Smithfield for any serving or any capacity, operations or involvement with the Rise Mayoral Academy.

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to appoint David Igliozzi as legal counsel to waive any conflicts between the Council and the Town Administrator on the matter regarding RISE Mayoral Academy.

POTENTIAL LITIGATION

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, also seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to table this matter to the next meeting.

LIGHTS AND NOISE COMING FROM BUFFALO WILD WINGS

Administrator Hamilton spoke with the manager and seems to have good communication. The manager states they are making many efforts to keep the property tidy and to get along. They will be adding additional trash receptacles and inform staff to make additional parking lot sweeps every 20 minutes. They have changed the food distributor and the dumpster pickup time to 8 A.M. which will limit the noise in the early hours.

Mr. Zwolenski visited the grounds of Buffalo Wild Wings and said that the noise is actually coming from Texas Roadhouse next door. Administrator Hamilton will go speak with someone regarding this matter.

Bob Ericson explained that the type of lighting used at Buffalo Wild Wings cannot be regulated.

JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER AND BUDGET COMMITTEE TO REVIEW BACON & EDGE REPORT

Mike Clifford explained that the Business Manager and the Superintendent of schools were not able to attend the meeting that

had been scheduled. Therefore, it would not have made sense to proceed with the meeting. At this point the meeting has not yet been rescheduled. Mr. Clifford would like to reschedule this in October.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, to schedule a meeting sometime in October with the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the School Business Manager, the Budget Committee, the Town Administrator, the Town Finance Director, the Town Solicitor, and the Town Council to discuss and review the Bacon & Edge Report.

Roll call vote: Ms. Alves – Yes; Mrs. Nadeau - Yes; Mr. Soly – No; Mr. Zwolenski – Yes; and Mr. Boucher – Yes. Motion passed 4 to 1.

JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, BUDGET COMMITTEE AND RIDE REGARDING STAGE II APPLICATION

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to have a special joint meeting with the School

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Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Manager, the Town Administrator, the Town Solicitor, the Town Council, the Finance Director, the Budget Committee, RIDE, the School Building Commission, Studio Meja/Eric Army, the Public Building

Improvement Commission, Mr. Abbott and Mr. DaSilva. Council would prefer this meeting be scheduled on a day with no other Committee meetings or Town Council meeting. The dates that this meeting may take place are 8/19-20 and 8/26-27.

Mr. Vadenais discussed the obstacles and frustration in trying to move this project forward.

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION STAGE II APPLICATION

Mrs. Nadeau mentioned there is no new information from RGB in response to a letter dated April 15, 2015.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to invite Mr. Clifford and Mr. Parmelee to speak on the matter of the repercussions if the Bonds and Financials are not completed this year.

Mr. Clifford states that he could not get a timeline on when the regulations will be ready for the school bond. He suggests that the Town go forward with the bonds for the roads and Municipal Complexes and get these settled to go before the Bond Counsel before June. If the bond for the schools is not on the books for 2017 and goes on line for the year of 2018 the Town will be at a point where the roof starts to fall in. At that point there will be no increase in state aid - the funding formula will be fully implemented; there will also be a depreciation of tangibles from National Grid and plus the regular

operating expenses. This does not include the new Teachers Contract or the new Police Contracts. If the bond payment comes in in 2018 the Town will have to increase the budget and all the other expenses plus the bond payment.

Mr. Clifford would like the Budget Committee to have a meeting with the Finance Director and look at the forecast of 2018 and advise the Council of what they come up with. He suggests that the School Committee may have to alter the amount of the bond if it is pushed towards 2018.

UPDATE OF ROADS FROM PUBLIC BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

Mrs. Nadeau passed out a Pavement Management Study packet for Mr. Cardello who was unable to attend this evening. The Town Solicitor has reviewed the packet and we have his approval. This has already been to the Town Administrator for advertising. The DPW is in agreement with the list of roads and the remedy to fix.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the RFP for the roads and to move on with the roads portion of the bonds.

APPOINTMENTS OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ARCHITECT

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to table to the next meeting giving the

Public Building Improvement Commission a chance to weigh in. They should have an opinion as to which architect the Town should hire and present reasons to the Town Council.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE/PUBLIC BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION UPDATES

Mr. Vadenais requested that the Public Buildings Improvement Commission have permission or access to contact the architect (Studio Meja) in charge of the Stage II renovations. The purpose of this request is to eliminate Public Buildings Improvement Commission from having to wait 2 weeks to receive an answer from the Town Council which may hold up certain production/productions causing the Town to pay out more than what is necessary.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to extend the meeting till 10:30 P.M.

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Mr. Vadenais also pointed out that as of this date the School Committee has not yet accepted the architect chosen by the Town Council (Studio Meja).

A lengthy discussion about this matter then took place.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to move up New Business H-2 on the

agenda.

RESIGNATION BUDGET COMMITTEE

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to accept Mr. Winkleman's resignation.

RESIGNATION SEWER COMMISSION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to accept Mr. Winkleman's resignation.

RESIGNATION PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to accept Mr. Soly's resignation.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to move up New Business I-2 on the agenda.

APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC BUILDING IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to appoint Mike Rapko as replacement for Art Bassett.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted

unanimously on a roll call vote to move up I-4 on the agenda

APPOINTMENT TO BUDGET COMMITTEE

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, to appoint Beth Faricy to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Soly does not feel The Town adequately advertised the position available on the Budget Committee.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau and seconded by Mr. Boucher to move the question.

Roll call vote: Ms. Alves - No; Mrs. Nadeau - Yes; Mr. Soly – No; Mr. Zwolenski – No; and Mr. Boucher – Yes. Motion failed to move the question 3 to 2.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, to nominate Ms. Votta to the Budget Committee.

Ms. Alves agrees with Mr. Soly and would like the residents to have a chance to apply for this position on the Budget Committee.

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to table the appointment to the Budget Committee until an e-mail blast goes out to the Town and they reconvene at the next Town Council meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, to extend the meeting to 11:00 P.M.

All in favor by an aye or nay vote; Mr. Soly was a nay.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Buttie, Deputy Clerk