

REGULAR MEETING NORTH SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

JUNE 20, 2016

KENDALL-DEAN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

6:45 P.M.

OPEN FORUM

Gator's Pub Sewer Line

Scott McGee, an owner of Gator's Pub, informed the Council that the business is in strong need of a sewer line and the owners are planning on paying for the system themselves. He asked the Council to consider waiving the assessment.

2016/2017 Budget

Mr. Lombardi had a few suggestions in regards to the budget. The town could enter into tax stabilization with National Grid over the next five years to smooth out the collections. There is \$100,000 set aside in a revolving fund for the school department. Rather than do that, he suggested the Council set up a contingency account to perhaps fund other school department positions such as a math intervention teacher. Allow the new Superintendent to let the Council know what he feels may be important. Mr. Lombardi also suggested taking \$500,000 from surplus and ask/tell the School Committee to match that. He recommended that the Town Administrator come back to the Council with a salary plan for municipal employees within thirty days.

Another proposal was to fund an advertising campaign to attract more businesses to town.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on an aye vote at 7:00 P.M. to extend the Open Forum to 7:15 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting began at 7:02 P.M. with the prayer and the pledge to the flag. Council members present were Ms. Alves, Mrs. Nadeau, Mr. Soly, Mr. Zwolenski and Mr. Boucher. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Hamilton and Town Solicitor Iglizzi.

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OUTDOOR SOUND SYSTEM PERMIT - Ms. Alves

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote (Ms. Alves recused) to grant an outdoor sound system for movie night at Pacheco Park on June 22nd. The time will be from 8:30 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

VICTUALING LICENSE - JUSTIN WALKOW D/B/A HOMESTEAD CREAMERY LLC

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 3 to 2 on a roll call vote (Ms. Alves and Mrs. Nadeau voted no) to approve a victualing license for Justin Walkow d/b/a Homestead Creamery LLC located at 200 Industrial Drive with the proviso that there will be no sales off any food trucks. Hours of operation will be Monday through

Friday from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10:00 P.M.

PRODUCTIVITY/EFFICIENCY STUDY

Mr. Boucher would like to have a study done at a cost of no more than \$30,000 that would provide recommendations for a more efficient government and that would assess personnel.

Ms. Alves felt this was similar to the audit done by Mr. Lombardi and the request that was made to the Budget Committee to do a study of the salaries and wages.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to continue this to July 18, 2016.

REVOLVING FUND FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Mr. Boucher noted the agency often has to spend money to obtain grants.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to set up a revolving fund of \$20,000 for the Emergency Management Agency taken from this year's contingency fund.

APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR TRAINING POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHERS

Mr. Soly commented this item was discussed during the public hearing last week and perhaps it could be further discussed when they get to the police department budget this evening. It was about transferring \$6,000 to Dispatcher Training from the Police Overtime account.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to continue this to July 18, 2016 in case it does not pass this evening.

APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SIGNS AT THE HIGHWAY BARN

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to appropriate \$5,000 out of contingency to spruce up the highway department building and for signage honoring former Town Administrator Arthur Denomme.

INSTALLATION OF ROAD SIGNS ON GREENVILLE ROAD AND PROVIDENCE PIKE

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to move this item up next on the agenda.

On May 2, 2016 Mr. John Shevlin of Pare Corporation was present and said it would cost roughly \$10,000 to install signs in the school zone areas of Greenville Road and Providence Pike. At that time it was suggested that a letter be sent to the School Committee asking them

to split the cost with the town. There has been no response to that request to date. A vote was taken on May 2nd to have Mr. Shevlin submit his plans to RI Department of Transportation for their review and approval. Mr. Zwolenski thought that Mr. Shevlin was going to provide names of contractors approved to install signs.

There was discussion about the hours that should be listed on the signs.

Public Works Director Raymond Pendergast was asked if his staff could install the signs. He stated they could if DOT would plot where the signs should go.

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MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to have the Council President work with the Town Clerk to send a letter to the Department of Transportation accepting their offer to supply the signs with preferred hours of 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. and that the Department of Public Works will install them.

ADOPTION OF 2016/2017 BUDGET

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to turn the meeting over to Mr. Zwolenski.

EXPENDITURES

TOWN COUNCIL

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$10,750.

PROBATE COURT

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Ms. Alves and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$8,100.

TOWN SOLICITOR

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the Solicitor Salary of \$62,000.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Ms. Alves and Mr. Soly, and voted 3 to 2 on a roll call vote (Mr. Zwolenski and Mr. Boucher voted no) to approve the Assistant Solicitor Salary of \$30,300.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote (Mr. Soly voted no) to approve Extraordinary Litigation for \$76,425.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher to approve Labor Lawyer/Arbitration for

\$40,000. There was no second.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau and seconded by Mr. Zwolenski to approve \$30,000 for Labor Lawyer/Arbitration. The motion failed 4 to 1 with Mrs. Nadeau the lone yes vote.

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote to approve \$18,000 for Labor Lawyer/Arbitration.

Total for the department is \$186,725.

MUNICIPAL COURT

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote (Mrs. Nadeau voted no) to approve \$12,979 for the Clerk Salary.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Ms. Alves and Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$33,675.

ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Boucher and Mr. Soly, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote (Mrs. Nadeau voted no) to approve \$75,000 for the Administrator's Salary.

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 1 on

a roll call vote (Mrs. Nadeau voted no) to approve \$31,673 for the Administrator's Assistant Salary.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted 3 to 2 on a roll call vote (Mrs. Nadeau and Mr. Boucher voted no) to approve \$3,750 for the Audio Videographer.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve \$5,000 for a Grant Writer.

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MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$121,998.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve \$62,562 for the Town Clerk's Salary.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$140,230.

PLANNING DIVISION

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$121,686.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$15,550.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Boucher and seconded by Mrs. Nadeau to approve \$85,000 for the Finance Director's Salary. The motion failed 3 to 2 on a roll call vote with Ms. Alves, Mr. Soly and Mr. Zwolenski voting no.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 3 to 2 on a roll call vote (Mrs. Nadeau and Mr. Boucher voted no) to approve \$80,000 for the Finance Director's Salary.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve \$1,600 for Education. This motion was later withdrawn.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote (Ms. Alves voted no) to approve \$2,000 for Education.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 3 to 2 on a roll call vote (Ms. Alves and Mr. Soly voted no) to approve \$1,000 for Travel & Dues.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$212,944.

TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

MOTION by Mr. Boucher and seconded by Mrs. Nadeau to approve \$60,450 for the Assessor's Salary. The motion failed 3 to 2 with Ms. Alves, Mr. Soly and Mr. Zwolenski voting no.

MOTION by Ms. Alves, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve \$58,232 for the Assessor's Salary.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to defund the Assessor's Clerk Salary of \$32,136 as proposed by the Budget Committee.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to fund the Assistant Assessor's Salary in the amount of \$37,000.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote that the new Assistant Assessor position is contingent upon the Clerk position being dropped in the Tax Assessor's office and the Assistant Assessor will be a member of the union.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$121,657.

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve a salary of \$33,743 for the Fiscal Clerk II. This motion was later withdrawn.

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MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a salary of \$33,743 for the Fiscal Clerk II contingent upon union acceptance.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$89,439.

BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

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

unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$500.

AUDITS & COMPUTER SERVICES

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$170,508.

ZONING BOARD

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$9,655.

PERSONNEL BOARD

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$1.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$1,585.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department

expenditure of \$250.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$1.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher and Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$2,500.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$1.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$2,000.

JUVENILE HEARING BOARD

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve \$2,966 for the Coordinator Salary.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve \$439 for Office Supplies.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$3,405.

TOWN HALL

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$9,357.

PLANT OPERATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$174,594.

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PRINTING & ADVERTISING

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve \$14,771 for Advertising - Town Wide. The motion failed 4 to 1 with Ms. Alves the lone yes vote.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote (Ms. Alves voted no) to approve \$17,000 for Advertising - Town Wide.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$17,500.

CONTINGENCY FUND

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve a total department expenditure of \$630,655. This motion was later withdrawn in order for the Council to review it later in the meeting.

SCOUTERS' HALL

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$2,660.

N.S. PUBLIC LIBRARY

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$419,949.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to move \$6,000 from the

Overtime-Police account to Dispatcher Salary.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to decrease Account #161 OT-Police to \$238,743.

MOTION by Ms. Alves and seconded by Mr. Boucher to reduce the Administrative Assistant's salary increase to 3.5% to \$25,316. The motion failed 4 to 1 with Ms. Alves the lone yes vote.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve \$31,127 for the Administrative Assistant's salary. This motion was later withdrawn.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote to approve \$28,460 for the Administrative Assistant's salary.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$2,232,002.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote at 9:59 P.M. to extend the meeting to 11:00 P.M.

ANIMAL CONTROL

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$79,733.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$22,610.

NORTH SMITHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$2,776,665.

HYDRANT RENTAL

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$51,375.

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INSPECTION DIVISION

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve \$54,367 for the Inspector's Salary.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Ms. Alves, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a \$15,000 salary for a part time Zoning Inspector.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau and Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$124,283.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Alves recused from this discussion and vote.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve a total department expenditure of \$97,641. The motion failed 2 to 2 on a roll call vote with Mr. Soly and Mr. Zwolenski voting no.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to increase the Director's Salary to \$70,122.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 0 on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$98,977.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$1,248,942.

PARKS AND RECREATION

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau and seconded by Mr. Boucher to approve a total department expenditure of \$94,295. This motion was later withdrawn.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the Department request of \$132,166. This includes increasing the salaries of Maintenance Personnel to \$75,743.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the amended total department expenditure of \$132,166.

TREE WARDEN

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$4,230.

STREET LIGHTS

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$293,000.

RUBBISH DISPOSAL

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$717,565.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$1.00.

DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPLE

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve an expenditure of \$2,909,375.

DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve an expenditure of \$1,386,593.

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Ms. Alves recused from this discussion and vote.

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

on a roll call vote to approve an expenditure of \$1,861,685.

INSURANCE

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve an expenditure of \$184,500.

SETTLEMENT OBLIGATIONS

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to defund this account.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION by Mr. Boucher to approve \$805,141 for this expenditure. There was no second.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted 4 to 1 on a roll call vote (Mr. Boucher voted no) to approve an expenditure of \$859,671.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mr. Zwolenski and Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to reconsider the previous vote.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted to add \$100,000 to Capital Outlays - School for a total expenditure of \$905,141.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total department expenditure of \$25,021,559.

GRANTS

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to approve a total expenditure of \$23,389.

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher and Mr. Soly, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to continue adoption of the budget to June 27, 2016.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to move this item up on the agenda.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into contract negotiations with Daniel P. Joubert, Sr. as Project Management Owner's representative.

MOTION by Mrs. Nadeau, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on a roll call vote to authorize Attorney Davison to work

with the Town Administrator, not to exceed ten hours at \$200 per hour, for input to draft said contract between Mr. Joubert and the town.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SEC. 5.7 GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLTIONS

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to continue the public hearing and first reading to July 18, 2016.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SEC. 6.13 PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to continue the public hearing and first reading to July 18, 2016.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SEC. 6.14 PARKING, STORAGE OR USE OF MAJOR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to continue the public hearing and first reading to July 18, 2016.

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ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SEC. 5.4.9 SERVICE INDUSTRIES

MOTION by Mr. Zwolenski, seconded by Mr. Boucher, and voted

unanimously on an aye vote to continue the public hearing and first reading to July 18, 2016.

MOTION by Mr. Soly, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau and Mr. Zwolenski, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to continue the rest of the agenda items that were not discussed this evening to June 27, 2016.

MOTION by Mr. Boucher, seconded by Mrs. Nadeau, and voted unanimously on an aye vote to adjourn at 11:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Todd, Town Clerk