

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Tiverton Town Hall 343 Highland Rd. Tiverton, RI 02878

Chairman Ramotowski – called meeting to order at 7:15PM

Members present: T. Ramotowski (chair), R. Guimond, P. Hilton, L. Cottrell

Members Absent: None

- I. Public Delegations: None
- II. Approval of Minutes : none
- III. Treasurer's Report: L. Cottrell reported a balance of \$694.57
- IV. Brief Announcements: Nothing to report
- V. New Business: Legal Responsibilities Training at Town Hall Jan. 27, 2015 7:00
- VI. Old Business: W.P.O.D. is down to three people so actions are delayed and legal items are going on. Problems of discussing items with possible litigation

Possible new zoning problems with water shed areas. Draft letter to Mr. Wojcik that council work together with and consult commissions before making changes. Motion for letter – R. Guimond and 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Cottrell. All members in agreement.

Town Zoning *Ordinance for Earth Removal/Quarrying*: T. Ramotowski – Still no correspondence from Mr. Wojcik about meeting with hydrologist.

Tiverton Crossings: T. Hilton - Meeting tonight- fiscal study by Windborn is questionable since Carpionato is predicting expenses higher. We should look at other towns' fiscal studies to see the imbalance in Windborn's study. We seriously need to look at Carpionato's past history and reconsider their plan for our town. No comparison of other economic areas or look at reduction to surrounding homes and land. Six years will pass until they get taxed at full rate. Where is the benefit to the town's people? We need a serious fiscal analysis done before town agrees to this plan. Town spent money on North Tiverton to rezone to bring back business so town needs to follow through. Also we need more say in vision to

retain village style and not a huge big box that detracts from our vision of Tiverton. Another question is about blasting, paving and involvement of wetlands. Town needs more say on plan.

Zoning Board of Review: T. Hilton - Four Corners area – Newport may appeal change since it involves water supply.

Nonquit Pond – New plantings and trees removed. Area has been compromised and the next rain storm will probably wash area out. Tree warden called two times and still no reply. No one seems to know how area was authorized for change – soil is now precarious.

- VII. Town Comprehensive Plan: (T. Hilton) – Land and housing plan handed in today – small committee with few people to help with writing plan.

*“Litter Prevention Initiatives” – Need new volunteer*

*Stafford Pond Issues Update: (Hilton, Ramotowski)-* Waiting for grant money – question of camera at boat launch for added protection.

Section 54 – Fogland ramp –(T. Ramotowski) – No meeting

Landfill Issues: (R. Guimond)- Meeting Thursday night. Possible shortage for closure. Town needs to reeducate public about what can be recycled so loads are not rejected or fined.

- VIII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50