

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2008

Greenfield Community Television

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Maloney.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. Councilors Siano and Wisnewski were excused.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Christine Forgey; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Interim School Superintendent Dr. Marcia Evans; Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Tuttle; Youth Center Director Bryan Smith; Police Chief Executive Assistant and Youth Commission Member Christine Scott; Thomas Bevacqua, Greenfield Education Association (GEA) President; Anita Fritz, the *Recorder*; Hugh Massey, WHAI; Dave Vallette, the *Republican*; members of the media; GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Guin, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2008 AND MARCH 26, 2008 INCLUDING A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE FEBRUARY 25, 2008 TO INDICATE COUNCILORS LETOURNEAU AND MARTIN WERE PRESENT.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Mayor Forgey presented the Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget to the Town Council. The Mayor reviewed the proposed budget stating the budget included a 1.9% increase from the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget.

President Maloney noted additional information would be forwarded to the Council next week. Councilor Joseph stated the Ways and Means Committee would hold the first budget meeting on April 30, 2008, with the School Department. President Maloney stated the Town Council would hold a Public Hearing within the next few weeks. The Ways and Means Committee would also hold a Public Hearing later in the budget season. President Maloney noted the Town Council had 60 days to act on the budget. In response to Town Council inquiries, Mayor Forgey stated:

- o The proposed Greenfield School budget was 14,587,500.00.
- o The operating budget included a deficit of \$242,500.00. She would leave it up to the Town Council to balance the budget.
- o The Unions were aware that Health Insurance was an important discussion to be held during upcoming negotiations.
- o If the Town was successful in negotiating the insurance pieces to reflect an 80% - 20% HMO split and a 60% - 40% PPO split, the town would save \$1,000,000.00.
- o The increase in trash bag fees was to offset the fees associated with Pay-per-throw.
- o Confirmed state funding was correctly anticipated when this budget was planned.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Superintendent Evans stated a portion of the State audit of the school would be performed next week. Final Audit Reports would be presented to the School Committee. Ms. Evans would provide additional Circuit Breaker information to the Ways and Means Committee during their next meeting with the Schools. Superintendent Evans noted Jay Evans, at the Department of Education, would be the contact person. She would forward the April 1, 2008 "student head count" to the Town Council.

Mayor Forgey announced the Department of Revenue (DOR) Audit had begun. DOR had spoken with several department heads and would return to Town Hall as part of the ongoing work. Mayor Forgey anticipated the report would take three (3) to four (4) months to complete.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

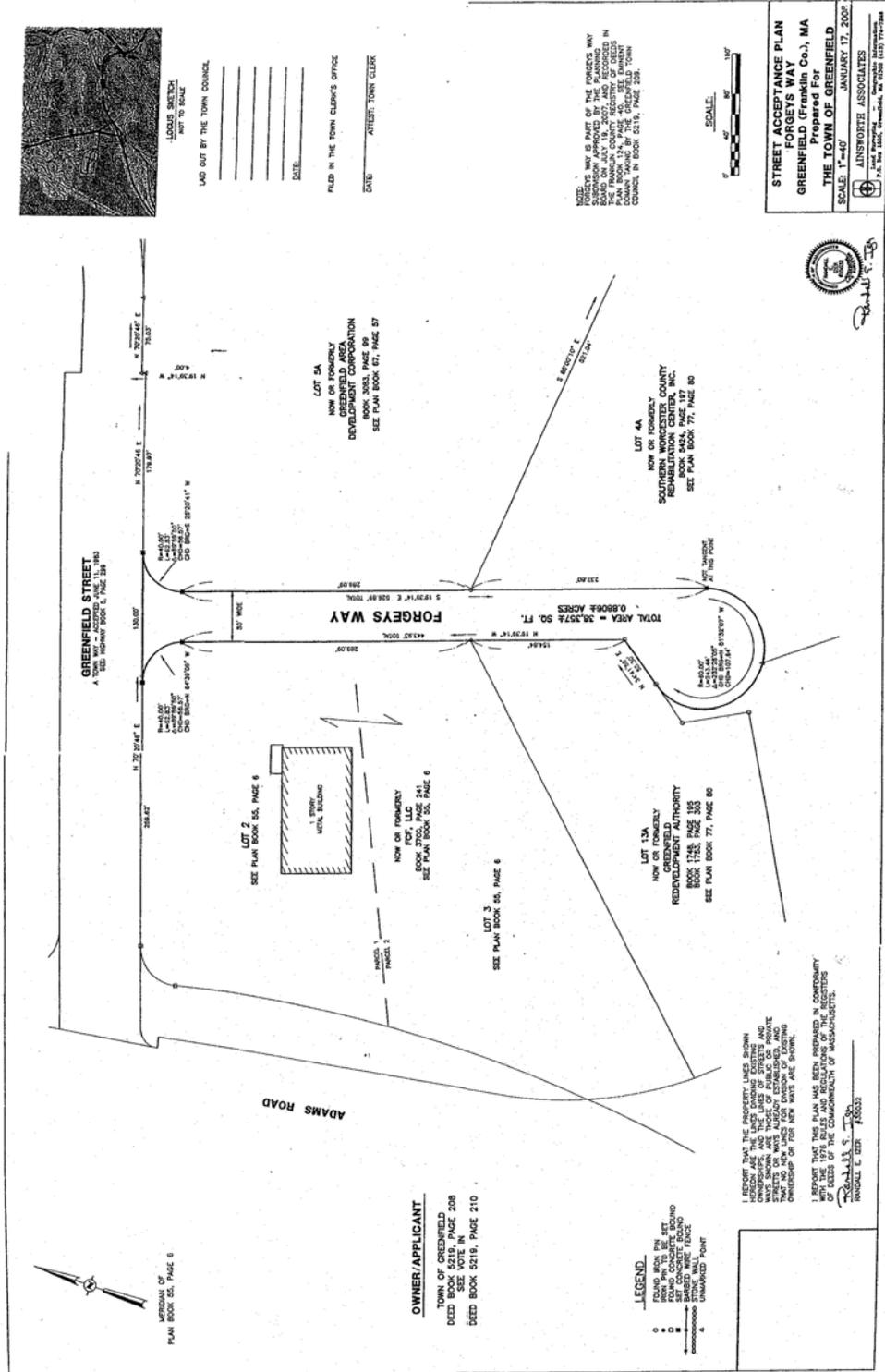
MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Allis, it was **MOVED:** THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD THROUGH ITS TOWN COUNCIL LAYS OUT AND ACCEPT FORGEYS WAY AS A PUBLIC WAY AS DESCRIBED ON THE MAP ATTACHED TO THIS MOTION AND MADE A PART OF IT.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Guin stated the Economic Development Committee forwarded a positive unanimous recommendation to the Town Council for approval. A Public Hearing was held. He discussed the issue of the spelling of Forgeys Way on the street sign.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD THROUGH ITS TOWN COUNCIL LAYS OUT AND ACCEPT FORGEYS WAY AS A PUBLIC WAY AS DESCRIBED ON THE MAP ATTACHED TO THIS MOTION AND MADE A PART OF IT.



Appointments Committee Chairman Allis noted the committee forwarded a positive recommendation for the following appointment.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis second by Councilor Lashier, it was unanimously **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 VOTE NOT TO DISAPPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF THOMAS W. ROULSTON FOR A ONE YEAR TERM (2009), TO THE GREENFIELD ARTS FUNDING COMMISSION.

PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE Chairman Joseph announced the committee set a tentative budget schedule this evening. He noted the first meeting would be held on April 30, 2008, at GCTV-15 Studio with the School Department. He requested questions for the School Department be submitted to him prior to April 23, 2008.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE Chairman Joseph stated the committee had met on April 9, 2008 and discussed the need for a multi-year plan for the school and the grant process. The committee would meet on April 23, 2008 with the group “Change Greenfield.”

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE Chairman Lashier noted the committee met on April 8, 2008 with Greenfield’s new Library Director, Sharon Sharry. It was an informal meeting at which she presented information to the committee for varying aspects of the library programs.

ORDINANCES COMMITTEE Chairman McLellan reported the committee would not meet in April. However, the committee would meet in May on a date to be announced.

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE Chairman Allis stated the committee would meet in May if needed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Chairman Guin would forward a request through President Maloney to the Inspections and Enforcement Department as well as Economic Development Director to attend the committee’s next meeting.

Councilor Guin discussed the Greenfield School Superintendent Search Committee meetings. The committee held interviews and narrowed the field to two applications. The candidates would be introduced to Department Heads at a public meeting. The subcommittee would make a recommendation for an appointment. Councilor Guin noted this process was strictly for an interim superintendent position.

TREASURER Councilor Lashier stated the Town Council expended \$1,901.20 in March. The Town Council has 34% of the budget remaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Joseph held first readings:

- o Appropriate \$180,758.00 for Negotiated Wage & Salary Increases for 2007 & 2008.
- o Appropriate \$107,000.000 to purchase a multipurpose dump truck for the DPW.
- o Transfer \$25,000.00 to the Middle School Building repair expenses.

Councilor Joseph reminded parents and children that children under 16 are required by law to wear a bicycle helmet when riding a bike, roller blading etc. Assistance for obtaining helmets for children could be requested through the Youth Center.

Councilor McLellan announced the “Greening of Greenfield” would hold an Arbor Day Celebration on April 25, 2008. It would be held next to the Fire Station. The public was invited to attend.

Councilor Letourneau noted Wednesday, April 23, 2008 was Professional Administrative Assistant Day. She thanked the staff of the Town Clerk and Town Council Offices.

President Maloney noted the town has 40 to 60 separate gift accounts for different departments, which the public could donate to at any time.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Farrell, second by Councilor Allis, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:05 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15
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1. Lashier, Dennis	P						
2. McLellan, Thomas	P						
3. Allis, Brickett	P						
4. Maloney, Mark	P						
5. Wisnewski, Mark	A						
6. Letourneau, Danielle	P						
7. Martin, William	P						
8. Joseph, Christopher	P						
9. Vacant	---						
10. Farrell, Timothy	P						
11. Guin, Daniel	P						
12. Siano, Alfred	A						
13. Mason, John	P						