

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2008

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Maloney.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll Call was taken. All Councilors were present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** School Committee Chairman Dalton Athey; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Department of Public Works Superintendant Sandra Shields; GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Farrell, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2008, OCTOBER 21, 2008, AND NOVEMBER 12 & 19, 2008.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

MAYOR: None.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Chairman Athey announced there were 19 new members of the National Honor Society being sworn in at the High School. President Maloney announced, if there were no objections, a page would be included in the minutes for the National Honor Society. Chairman Athey invited the Education Task Force and elected Town Council officers to attend a School Committee meeting in January, 2009, to participate in discussion regarding negotiations. The negotiations were currently in mediation. Chairman Athey suggested the Town Council "look into" how the new Financial Accounting Software was working. He was having a difficult time getting information, which should be routine and basic.

**TOWN OFFICERS:** None.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Order no. FY 09 -050**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Joseph, second by Councilor Farrell, it was,

**MOVED:** THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTES THEIR INTENTION TO CONSIDER LAYING OUT DAVENPORT WAY AND CHAMPNEY ROAD (A.K.A CHAMPNEY EXTENSION) AS PUBLIC WAYS AND REFERS THE PETITION TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Guin stated the EDC would consider this application at a future committee meeting.

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTES THEIR INTENTION TO CONSIDER LAYING OUT DAVENPORT WAY AND CHAMPNEY ROAD (A.K.A CHAMPNEY EXTENSION) AS PUBLIC WAYS AND REFERS THE PETITION TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A NON-BINDING RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT.

**Order no. FY 09 -052**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Martin, second by Councilor Lashier, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7-2 OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD CHARTER, APPROVE THE TOWN PRELIMINARY ELECTION DATE OF APRIL 21, 2009.

Councilor Allis stated the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded a positive unanimous recommendation to the Town Council.

**Order no. FY 09 -051**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor McLellan, it was, unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: SCOTT CONTI - TWO YEAR TERM –JUNE 2010 (SECOND ALTERNATE).

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE-** Chairman McLellan stated the committee had met with the “Greening of Greenfield Committee” on Tuesday, December 16, 2008. A presentation was made regarding the recently completed Energy Audit for the Town of Greenfield.

**APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE-** Chairman Allis noted the committee had met on December 8, 2008, regarding the appointment this evening. The committee would meet in January 2009. He announced the Greening of Greenfield Committee would make another presentation regarding the Energy Audit at the Greenfield High School on January 15, 2009.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE –** Chairman Guin stated the committee would meet in January. The Agenda would include Acceptance of a Public Way initiated this evening.

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE –** Chairman Joseph noted there was no Ways and Means Committee meeting this evening.

**EDUCATION TASK FORCE COMMITTEE-** Chairman Joseph stated the committee was gathering information related to the Collaboration Regionalization Report.

President Maloney and Councilor Joseph had met with representatives from the Franklin County Technical School to discuss a Regional Transportation District. President Maloney stated currently this was not allowed by law; however, it was worth researching the issue to possibly amend the law.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** President Maloney and Chairman of the Appointments and Ordinance Committee Allis discussed the status of the proposed adoption of M.G.L.c Chapter40, §58 and the DPW Policy on Removal and Planting of Trees. This item would be on the January 21, 2009 Town Council agenda for consideration.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Order no. FY 09 -053**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Martin, second by Councilor Allis, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED “RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BANK ROW URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT AND MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING INVESTMENT CORPORATION”.

**DISCUSSION:** President Maloney stated Vice President Martin contacted him last evening to request Town Council support for a resolution relating to the funding for the “Bank Row Urban Renewal District.” Vice President Martin spoke regarding finances related to the request for the resolution.

It was unanimously (Councilor Singer abstained),

**VOTED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTS THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED “RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BANK ROW URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT AND MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING INVESTMENT CORPORATION”.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE  
BANK ROW URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT AND  
MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING INVESTMENT CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Greenfield Town Council has voted to approve the Bank Row Urban Renewal Plan and;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has approved and certified the Bank Row Urban Renewal Plan and;

WHEREAS, the Greenfield Master Plan, as amended, recognizes and recommends that the redevelopment of vacant, blighted and underutilized buildings is a priority for economic enhancement and stability in the downtown commercial district and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Greenfield Planning Department have promoted upper story redevelopment of downtown buildings and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenfield, the building owners, a consortium of local banks, and the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation have developed an innovative financing program that utilizes Federal and State Historic Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits, and Conventional Financing to carry out the renovation of eight buildings surrounding Court Square in downtown Greenfield, five of which are currently vacant, and;

WHEREAS, five owners of property in the Bank Row Urban Renewal District, and on Main Street and Federal Street have completed applications for the financing for the historic renovation of the eight buildings, and;

WHEREAS, all of the financing for the renovation of the buildings has been secured with the exception of the State Historic Tax Credits, then:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, AS EVIDENCED BY THE SIGNATURE OF ITS PRESIDENT, DOES HEREBY SUPPORT THE CONTINUED RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION OF BUILDINGS WITHIN THE BANK ROW URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT AND IN CENTRAL DOWNTOWN GREENFIELD, AND URGES THE APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE REQUEST FOR ALLOCATIONS OF STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS HISTORIC TAX CREDITS TO COMPLETE THE FINANCING FOR THE EIGHT BUILDINGS.

S/MARK MALONEY, PRESIDENT  
GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Nancy Hazard, Greening of Greenfield Committee (GGC) member, thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to make a presentation to the Town Council Community Relations Committee regarding the Energy Audit. She invited Town Councilors to:

- ✧ Attend the January 15, 2009 meeting to be held at the Greenfield High School at 6:30 pm.
- ✧ Join the GGC on a fact finding mission to Burlington Vermont to visit a 50 megawatt Biomass Plant, at a date to be determined.

President Maloney announced the Committee Chairmen would discuss a request for Special Legislation regarding Reserve Police Officers. The Town Council would hold a first reading in January regarding Free Cash. He reminded the Councilors of the retirement open house for Fire Chief Mark Cogswell on Friday, December 19, 2008 at the Meadows Golf Course from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Joseph, second by Councilor Singer, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:26 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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1.	Lashier, Dennis	P						
2.	McLellan, Thomas	P						
3.	Allis, Brickett	P						
4.	Maloney, Mark	P						
5.	Singer, David	P						
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	P						
13.	Mason, John	P						



**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY  
GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
INDUCTION  
December 17, 2008**

**National Honor Society Reception and Induction**

**Welcome** Donna Woodcock, Principal

**Induction Ceremony**  
**Processional**

Andrea Curtis, V.P.

**Keynote**  
**Candle lighting Ceremony**

Berry McGolgan  
Alex Chown, Pres.

**Scholarship**  
**Leadership**  
**Service**  
**Character**

Alex Chown  
Andrea Curtis  
Mihee Cha  
Meghan McHugh

**Presentation of Pins**

GHS Teachers  
Gail Steinbring, Advisor  
Donna Woodcock

**Pledge** (in union) led by Alex Chown, Pres.

**New Members**

Jake Balcanoff  
Matt Beres  
Kate Bitters  
Alaina Blanker  
Jocelyn Dennett  
Mary Flores  
Jake Holmes  
Luke Ketchum  
Mariah Key  
Myles Mastrototaro  
Andrea Munoz  
Sheridan Roe  
Lauren Scott  
Jennifer Seredejko  
Corrie Sirum  
Shelby Spooner  
Ryan Stebbins

**Honored Teachers**

Paul Calcari  
Mike Kuchieski  
Tara Cloutier  
Amber Tidlund  
Jason Durkee  
Gary Rucker  
Clara McCoy  
Adam Reed  
Kirsten Kinsmith  
Alden Winn  
Theresa Dodge  
Lisa Moore  
Cathy Wilkins  
Tamara Grogan  
Steve Jakub  
Barry McColgan

**Clo** **National Honor Society Pledge**  
Gail Steinbring

I pledge myself to uphold  
The high purposes of the  
National Honor Society  
To which I have been selected  
Striving in every way  
By word and deed  
To make its ideals  
The ideals of my school  
And my life