

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2011

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Singer.

President Singer stated this meeting was being recorded. If any other person present was doing the same, they must notify the chairperson at this time. It was noted the Town Council was audio recording and GCTV-15 was video recording the meeting for future broadcast.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. Councilor Vicencio-Rasku was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Fire Chief Michael Winn; Planning Board Chairwoman Roxanne Wedegartner; State Representative Paul Mark, GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Councilor Sutphin read the following Public Hearing notice:

In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main Street to receive public input on the following:

- o Increase the FY2012 Greenfield Public Library Operating Budget by raising and appropriating \$7,500.
- o Increase the FY2012 Town Attorney Services Operating Budget by raising and appropriating \$75,000.
- o Raise and appropriate \$21,000 for a feasibility study for a Public Safety Complex for the Fiscal Year 2012
- o Raise and appropriate \$100,000 to Contractual Agreement Stabilization.

The Town Council will consider the same at their meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the GCTV-15 Studio, 393 Main Street. Materials in alternative format can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office with advance notice at 413-772-1555. Copy is available in the Greenfield Town Clerk's Office, from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

President Singer opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm. He asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none he stated the Public Hearing would remain open.

Councilor Sutphin held a Second Reading

- o Ordered that the FY2012 Operating Budget for the Greenfield Public Library be increased by \$7,500, and to meet said appropriation \$7,500 shall be raised and appropriated.
- o Ordered that the FY2012 Operating Budget for Town Attorney Services be increased by \$75,000, and to meet said appropriation \$75,000 shall be raised and appropriated.
- o Ordered that the sum of \$21,000 be appropriated for a feasibility study for a Public Safety Complex for the Fiscal Year 2012 and to meet said appropriation \$21,000 shall be raised and appropriated.
- o Ordered that \$100,000 be appropriated to the Contractual Agreement Stabilization Fund and to meet said appropriation \$100,000 shall be raised and appropriated.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Ms. Kelly reviewed the legal expenses and requests associated with them. The funding for the Library would be used to cover additional hours in the Children's Room. The funds requested for Legal and Library would be paid out of Free Cash. The request for the Public Safety Complex and Contractual Agreement Stabilization Fund would be appropriated out of State Aid. Chief Winn reviewed the request for funding for the Public Safety Complex. He would forward a copy of the proposal to the Town Council office.

President Singer reviewed the process for the initiation of zoning amendment proposals. Chairwoman Wedegartner summarized the zoning proposals as follows:

- Two requests were for the rezoning of properties. One was for Lunt Silversmiths on Federal Street and the other was for the Bendix site on Laurel Street.
- The other two amendments relate to solar energy installations. One proposal creates a definition for non-commercial scale solar energy and would allow use of non-commercial scale solar energy installations by right in all districts. The second relates to Large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations and allows the use by special permit in specific districts.

Chairwoman Wedegartner responded to questions from Council members.

President Singer introduced Berkshire County State Representative Paul Mark who would become Greenfield's Legislative representative on February 1, 2012. Mr. Mark reviewed the change to the legislative districts. He and Representative Andrews will be transitioning to their new districts throughout the next year. Representative Mark would hold office hours in Greenfield on Monday's beginning in January 2012 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

On behalf of Mayor Martin and Superintendent Hollins, Ms. Kelly expressed wishes to the Town Council, their families and to town employees, for a healthy and Happy Holiday season.

Ms. Kelly stated the Solar Farm had completed all of the permitting requirements and would be getting under way.

President Singer asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the Public Hearing. Seeing none the Public Hearing was closed at 7:43 pm.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: None.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 12-054

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE GREENFIELD HOUSING AUTHORITY: WILLIAM MASON – EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2014, COMPLETING THE 5 YEAR TERM LEFT VACANT BY THE PASSING OF JAMES CAPEN.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Allis stated the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -054.

Order no. FY 12-055

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE GREENFIELD AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION: MARIE FRANÇOIS HATTE – THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2014.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Allis stated the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -055.

Order no. FY 12 -063**Financial Order 12-016**

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$82,500 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FREE CASH FOR THE FOLLOWING OPERATING BUDGETS:

- \$75,000 FOR THE TOWN ATTORNEY BUDGET
- \$7,500 FOR LIBRARY SALARY AND WAGES

DISCUSSION: Councilor Sutphin stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. In response to Councilor Renaud's questions, it was noted the legal work had already been performed. If the amount was not paid, legal work would be terminated. Specific discussion would need to occur in Executive Session. Councilor Wisnewski questioned when the Council could become a check and balance on Legal Expenses to better understand the expenses. Councilor Sutphin suggested better planning for the future would be advantageous. Councilor Devlin spoke of correspondence he had with Ms. Kelly regarding the legal expenses. Ms. Kelly reiterated the amount requested encompassed legal requests for opinions and labor costs. When Health Insurance and negotiations were completed, a portion of the legal cost would settle down. In January, the Executive Branch would return to the Town Council with a proposal for Health Insurance or a request to revisit the State Law relating to Health Insurance. When all was said and done regarding the Health Insurance, the legal cost to the town would be approximately \$25,000.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -063, FINANCIAL ORDER 12-016.

Order no. FY 12-056**Financial Order 12-015**

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, \$21,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM ADDITIONAL STATE AID TO UNDERWRITE A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Sutphin stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -056, FINANCIAL ORDER 12-015.

Order no. FY 12-057**Financial Order 12-014**

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$100,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM ADDITIONAL STATE AID TO THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT STABILIZATION FUND

DISCUSSION: Councilor Sutphin stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -057, FINANCIAL ORDER 12-014.

Order no. FY 12-058

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor McLellan, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATES THE FOLLOWING ZONE CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5: TO RE-ZONE THE LUNT PROPERTY FROM GENERAL INDUSTRY TO LIMITED COMMERCIAL /URBAN RESIDENTIAL AND THIS SHALL SERVE AS THE FIRST READING.

DISCUSSION: President Singer stated this vote just initiated the procedure.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -058.

Order no. FY 12-059

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor McLellan, it was,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATES THE FOLLOWING ZONE CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5: TO RE-ZONE THE PORTION OF THE BENDIX PROPERTY FROM URBAN RESIDENTIAL TO GENERAL INDUSTRY AND THIS SHALL SERVE AS THE FIRST READING.

Order no. FY 12-060

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor McLellan, it was,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATES THE FOLLOWING ZONE CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5:

- TO ALLOW LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN THE RURAL RESIDENTIAL, SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, AND OFFICE DISTRICTS.
- AMEND SECTION 200-4.2, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RC) DISTRICT, SUBSECTION C, USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT, OF THE GREENFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING “LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS” AS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT.
- AMEND THE TABLE OF USES TO STATE THAT “LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS” IS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN THE RURAL RESIDENTIAL (RC) DISTRICT.
- AMEND SECTION 200-4.3, SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (RB) DISTRICT, SUBSECTION C, USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT, OF THE GREENFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING “LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS” AS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT.
- AMEND THE TABLE OF USES TO STATE THAT “LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS” IS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN THE SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (RB) DISTRICT.
- AMEND SECTION 200-4.9, GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) DISTRICT, SUBSECTION C, USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT, OF THE GREENFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING “LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS” AS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT.
- AMEND THE TABLE OF USES TO STATE THAT “LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS” IS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) DISTRICT.
- AMEND SECTION 200-4.10, OFFICE (O) DISTRICT, SUBSECTION C, USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT, OF THE GREENFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING “LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS” AS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT.

- AMEND THE TABLE OF USES TO STATE THAT “LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS” IS A USE PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN THE OFFICE (O) DISTRICT.

AND THIS SHALL SERVE AS THE FIRST READING.

Order no. FY 12-061

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor McLellan, it was,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATES THE FOLLOWING ZONE CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5:

- TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO ZONING ORDINANCE § 200.7-16 NON-COMMERCIAL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS.
- AMEND SECTION 200-2.1, TERMS AND WORDS, OF THE GREENFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW DEFINITION: NON-COMMERCIAL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS -- NON-COMMERCIAL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS SHALL MEAN ANY ACCESSORY SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY FOR THE CAPTURE AND STORAGE OF HEAT OR THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) KILOWATTS OR LESS NAMEPLATE CAPACITY OR WHICH EXCEEDS TWENTY-FIVE (25) KILOWATTS NAMEPLATE CAPACITY BUT IS LESS THAN 250 KILOWATTS AND IS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE FIFTY (50) PERCENT OR MORE OF ITS ENERGY FOR THE PRINCIPAL ON-SITE USE.
- AMEND SECTION 200-4.1(C), APPLICATION OF USE REGULATIONS, OF THE GREENFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADDING “NON-COMMERCIAL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS” AS A USE PERMITTED IN ALL DISTRICTS.
- AMEND THE TABLE OF USES TO STATE THAT “NON-COMMERCIAL SCALE SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATIONS” IS A USE PERMITTED BY RIGHT IN ALL DISTRICTS.

AND THIS SHALL SERVE AS THE FIRST READING.

Order no. FY 12-062

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 7-2 (a), THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES APRIL 17, 2012, AS THE DATE OF THE NEXT PRELIMINARY ELECTION.

DISCUSSION: President Singer stated if there were to be a preliminary election, the Town Council needed to vote the date.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -062.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Councilor Hoffman announced the next meeting would be held on Monday December 19, 2011 at the Greenfield Police Department meeting room at 6:30 pm. On Tuesday, January 24, 2012 a Public Forum would be held at GCC Downtown Campus at 6:30 pm for Precincts 7-8-9.

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- Chairman Allis noted Ordinance review continued and several ordinances would be coming forth to the Town Council for another Public Hearing in January 2012.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairman Wisnewski noted Public Hearing for zoning issues would be held in January, 2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ms. Kelly stated the last meeting with union representatives would be held on December 15, 2011 to discuss the health care issue. She commended the unions and representatives for their commitment. The town will request the unions take a plan to their membership and forward a vote on their recommendations by January 15, 2012. Ms. Kelly would forward the results to the Town Council.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Allis held the following first reading:

- ✧ Amendments to the Code of the Town of Greenfield, Chapter 0013 – Alcoholic Beverages; Chapter 0025 – Awnings; Chapter 0053 – Curfew; Chapter 0064- Excavation; Chapter 0067 – Financial; Chapter 0376 Vehicle For Hire; Chapter 0485 – Traffic Regulation; Chapter 0650 – Sewer Use; Chapter 0896 – Zone Change; Chapter 0967 – Public Use of Conservation Land; Update internal references to reflect changes in Massachusetts General Laws and define references to reflect the current form of government and authorities therein.
 - ✧ Proposed General Ordinance for the Establishment of a Municipal Energy Committee Called the Sustainability Advisory Committee.
 - ✧ Amendments to the Charter of the Town of Greenfield as follows:
 - That all pages prior to the page titled “index” be moved to the back of the document and preserved there as a historical reference.
 - That the term “town” be replaced with the term “city” throughout, however that shall not prohibit anyone from using the terms synonymously.
 - That section “1-8 DAILY REFERENCE” be added and state the following:
 - “The term “City” shall be synonymous with the term “Town” and furthermore, shall not prohibit or preclude the use of the term “Town” in any way in relation to City Officials, City department correspondence, or the seal of the of the City of Greenfield.”
 - That the term “bylaw” be replaced with the term “ordinance” throughout.
 - That section 2-3 be amended and add the following text after the word “treasury”;
 - “unless;
 - a. A vote is taken by the council to exempt said councilor with a majority vote of the council for the calendar year of said employment; and
 - b. Such employment is temporary or part time; and
 - c. such employment is not subject to any City funded benefit package; and
 - d. Such employment does not exceed payment of more than \$7500 per year.”
- And also add the following text after the word “terminated”
- “unless a majority vote of the council is taken to exempt said councilor.”
 - That section 3-2(f) be amended and add the following text to the end of the paragraph;
 - “Exception: With respect to the City Council, the Mayor shall be an ex-officio member of the city council and exercise every other right, including, so called, executive sessions, to participate in discussions, but shall not have the right to make a motion or to vote.”
 - That subsection (g) be added to section 3-2 and state the following:
 - **In the event that the Mayor shall find that a state of emergency exists within the City due to circumstances arising out of a natural or manmade disaster, requiring immediate action to protect the health, safety or general welfare of the citizens, he/she may declare, by resolution, the exact nature of the state of emergency and simultaneously publish such resolution by the most effective means available and take such actions as he/she thinks shall be in the best interest of the City, including but not limited to, complete authority over all local government, and municipal buildings. The declaration shall be effective for a period of time not to exceed 5 calendar days, except that such effective time may be extended upon the approval of the City Council that a state of emergency exists and the approval of all of the proposed actions necessary to deal with such emergency.**
 - That subsection (d) be added to section 3-3 to read as follows:

- **(d) The mayor shall appoint (4) members of the Franklin County Technical School Committee subject to confirmation by the City Council, Consistent with the General Laws (M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 1).**
- That section 4-2(a) be amended as follows:
 - (a) *Election and Term* - As soon as practicable after the School Committee members-elect have been qualified following each **Town City** election, as provided in section 8-8, the School Committee shall organize by electing one (1) of the ~~persons elected to the office of School Committee member~~ **its members** to serve as School Committee chair and one (1) of the ~~persons elected to the office of School Committee member~~ **its members** to serve as School Committee vice chair until the next **Town City** election.
- That section 4-3 be amended and add the following text after the word “treasury”;
 - “unless;
 - a. A vote is taken by the council to exempt said councilor with a majority vote of the council for the calendar year of said employment; and
 - b. Such employment is temporary or part time; and
 - c. such employment is not subject to any City funded benefit package; and
 - d. Such employment does not exceed payment of more than \$7500 per year.”

And also add the following text after the word “terminated”

 - “unless a majority vote of the school committee is taken to exempt said school committee member.”
- That section 5-3: SUBMISSION OF BUDGET AND BUDGET MESSAGE be amended as follows:
 - “Not later than ~~ninety (90)~~ **Sixty (60)** days before the start of the.....”
- That section 5-6(a) be replaced with section 5-6(b)
- Section 5-6(a) be amended become section 5-6(b) with the following text:
 - *Public Hearing* - ~~Forthwith upon its receipt of the proposed operating budget the Town Council shall provide a summary of the proposed budget in a local newspaper of a notice stating the time and place, not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days following such publication, at which it will hold a public hearing on the proposed operating budget as submitted by the Mayor.~~ **Not less than five (5) days before** it is scheduled to vote on its final budget request, the **Town City** Council shall **publish a summary of the proposed budget stating the time and place for which a public hearing on the proposed operating budget as submitted by the Mayor will be held.**
- That section 5-6(c) be amended and be replaced with the following text:
 - (c) *Action by **Town City** Council* - The **Town City** Council shall adopt the budget, with or without amendments, within sixty (60) days following the day the proposed budget is received by it. In amending the budget, the **Town City** Council may increase or decrease amounts and expenditures **required as allowed** by law, ~~or for debt service~~. If the **Town City** Council fails to take any action with respect to any item in the proposed budget within sixty (60) days following the date of its receipt of the proposed budget, such amount shall, without any action by the **Town City** Council, become a part of the appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year and shall be available for the purposes specified.
- That section 5-7 (b) be deleted and replaced in it entirety as follows:
 - ~~(b) *Interdepartmental Transfers* - With the approval of the Town Council funds appropriated to the use of one (1) municipal agency may be transferred to the use of another municipal agency. Requests for the transfer of funds from one (1) municipal agency to another shall be made by the Mayor, in writing, to the Town Council and shall include a statement setting forth the reason the additional funds are needed by the agency to which it is proposed they be transferred. The request by the Mayor shall be accompanied by a certificate, signed by the head of the agency from which the appropriation is proposed to be taken, that such transfer will not prevent that agency from performing its vital functions. A copy of this request shall, forthwith, be posted on the Town bulletin board. The Town Council shall, by bylaw, provide a procedure governing such requests, which shall include at least two (2) readings and a public hearing by the Town Council, and it shall specify the circumstances under which notice by publication in a newspaper shall be required.~~

- (b) *Interdepartmental Transfers* - With the approval of the City Council funds appropriated to the use of one (1) municipal agency may be transferred to the use of another municipal agency as follows:
 - The City Council may, by majority vote, on recommendation of the Mayor, transfer within the last 2 months of any fiscal year, or during the first 15 days of the new fiscal year to apply to the previous fiscal year, an amount appropriated for the use of any department. Except as provided in the preceding sentence (1) no transfer shall be made of any amount appropriated for the use of any city department to the appropriation for any other department except by a 2/3 vote of the City Council and (2) The City Council shall, by Ordinance, provide a procedure governing such requests, which shall include at least two (2) readings and a public hearing by the City Council and it shall specify the circumstances under which notice by publication in a newspaper shall be required. Requests for the transfer of funds from one municipal agency to another shall be made by the Mayor, in writing, to the City Council and shall include a statement setting forth the reason the additional funds are needed by the agency to which it is proposed they be transferred. The request shall be accompanied by a certificate, signed by the Finance Director, Accountant, and head of the agency from which the appropriation is proposed to be taken, that such transfer will not prevent that agency from performing its vital functions. The City Council will hold a public hearing prior to its approval. Notice of the hearing will be posted or published at least five (5) days prior to the vote in accordance with the City Ordinance governing these requests.
- That section 6-7 be renamed "PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND OTHER FACILITIES"
- That section 6-24 be added with the following language
- **SECTION 6-24: MAYOR'S TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
 - A. There shall be a Mayor's Task Force Against Domestic Violence consisting of (11) members; seven members to be appointed by the Mayor, with review by City Council as provided in section 2-10 of the Charter, and four to be appointed as provided in Sub-Section B below.
 - B. The seven committee members appointed by the Mayor shall serve for terms of three (3) years each so arranged that the term of at least 2 members shall expire each year. In making appointments to the committee, the Mayor shall seek persons having experience in the fields of youth services, woman's and men's advocacy groups, mental health providers, probation officers in the District or Superior Court system, and medical persons on the staff at the Franklin Medical Center. The other four members of the committee shall be (i) a police officer designated annually by the Chief of Police of Greenfield, (ii) a representative of the Franklin County District Attorneys Office designated annually by the District Attorney, (iii) the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee appointed annually, and (iv) a City Councilor designated annually by the President of the City Council. The committee shall appoint its own chair by majority vote of the members at a meeting duly called for such purpose.
 - C. Six (6) or more members must reside in Greenfield. The committee shall meet at least twice annually, and provide its members with notice of meetings at least 15 days in advance.

The Mayor's Task Force on Domestic Violence shall act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor with regard to forming public policy on Domestic Violence.

- That section 7-8(b) be amended with the following text:
 - (b) *Certain Initiative Provisions to Apply* - The petition described in this section shall be termed a "referendum petition" and insofar as applicable section 7-7(a) describing the manner in which a petition is prepared and filed, 7-7(b) providing for both referral to the ~~Town~~ **City** Attorney for a legal opinion, 7-7(~~e~~) **(f)** providing for publication of the text of the measure and 7-7(~~f~~) **(g)** providing for the form of ballot question, shall apply to such referendum petitions, except that the words "measure or part thereof protested against" shall be deemed to replace the word "measure" in said sections wherever it may occur and the word "referendum" shall be deemed to replace the word "initiative" wherever it may occur in said sections.

- That section 8-1(b) be amended and add the following language to the end of the paragraph:
 - The City Council may extend the time, with good cause, by majority vote of the Council. All appointments shall continue until filing of the report, notwithstanding election results.
- That section 8-5 be amended with the following text:
 - The ~~Town~~ **City** Council shall provide, in each year ending in a five ~~or in a zero~~ **or as directed by the council**, for a review of all ~~bylaws~~ **ordinances** of the ~~Town~~ **City** for the purpose of determining if any amendments or revisions may be necessary or desirable. Such review shall be ~~conducted under the supervision of~~ **reviewed by** the ~~Town~~ **City** Attorney, or, if the ~~Town~~ **City** Council so directs, by special counsel appointed for that purpose. A report, with recommendations, shall be submitted within the said year.

Councilor Allis announced copies could be obtained in the Town Clerk’s office. A recommendation was made to put a copy of the proposal on the Web Site. President Singer requested citizens make comments and recommendations relating to the proposed amendments. The charter amendments would be voted at the February Town Council meeting. President Singer would not preclude amendment brought forth by Councilors however, he requested Councilor not to bring forth additional amendments to honor the work done by the Commission.

Councilor Devlin recognized Councilor Kelner’s Birthday and wished her a Happy Birthday.

Councilor Sutphin held the first reading:

- Ordered that \$51,125 be transferred from the FY12 Unemployment Compensation Fund to the FY12 Workers’ Compensation Account.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

President Singer wished all the people who work and live in Greenfield a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Farrell, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:28 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2011

1. Kelner, Mariann	P						
2. McLellan, Thomas	P						
3. Allis, Brickett	P						
4. Ronhave, Steven	P						
5. Singer, David	P						
6. Hoffman, Hillary	P						
7. Renaud, Karen	P						
8. Vicencio-Rasku, Iris	A						
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	P						
10. Farrell, Timothy	P						
11. Wisnewski, Mark	P						
12. Devlin, Patrick	P						
13. Sutphin, Tracey	P						