

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2012

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice-President Devlin.

Vice-President Devlin 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. President Singer, Councilors Allis and Farrell were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Planning Departments Energy/Sustainability Coordinator Project Coordinator Carole Collins; Greenfield School Superintendent Dr. Susan Hollins; Retirement Administrator Marianne Fiske; Retirement Board Chairman Bill Devino; Greenfield High School Construction Manager Jim Burne; Greening of Greenfield member Nancy Hazard; GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Sutphin, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Councilor Sutphin read the Public Hearing notice: In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main Street to receive public input on the following:

- I. Appropriate \$20, 922 from 1607.100.4840 Insurance Claim Reimbursements for the purchase of a replacement chair car.
- II. Appropriate \$1000 from the Sale of Town Owned Land Account to purchase property on Route 2 West.

Vice-President Devlin opened the Public Hearing at 7:12 pm. He asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none, the Public Hearing would remain open until the orders were considered.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Ms. Kelly noted the Mayor was recuperating well from back surgery and working from home. She noted the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget books had been distributed to the Town Council. Ms. Kelly acknowledged the assistance of Accounting, Planning, DPW, and Mayor's office in the creation of the budget books.

Mr. Jim Burne, Project Manager for the Greenfield High School construction project reviewed the reconfiguration of State law regulating how school construction was performed since the late 1990's and since the Middle School project. Thirteen (13) different options were explored with the State before concluding a new building would be the best option. MSBA would not reimburse the Town 80% for renovation for the current structure. A new building must built. Currently, the heating system was lined with asbestos. Abatement for asbestos would cost \$1,000,000.00. Replacement of the system would cost \$4.5 million dollars. Mass Building regulations requires other systems to be upgraded, such as the electrical. Electrical upgrades would cost \$4,000,000.00. If the value of replacements totals 30 % of the total cost of the building, the town would need to bring the whole building up to ADA compliance standards. If renovations were to be done, there would not be any reimbursement from the State. Mr. Burne stated the risk in reimbursements was the "unknown" aspect. He spoke of ways the businesses and the town could benefit from a construction project of this size.

Ms. Carol Collins outlined the Energy Smart Homes Project occurring in Greenfield. She discussed the possibility of house parties to be held in precincts in Greenfield. Councilor Hoffman would take on all of the duties of hosting an event in Precinct 6, but not at her house. Ms. Collins stated regardless of income, there was a program for everyone.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Hollins stated:

- Enrollment was holding steady at about 1,700 students.
- Fiscal Year 2013 budget submission memo.
- Stimulus Grants ending this year.
- Rising cost of Special Education.
- There may be additional state funding for homeless students.
- The new high school had been discussed for 3.6 years.
- 2653 pages of documentation were sent to the state regarding the high school project.
- Several other aspects relating to the review and proposal for the high school.
- www.greenfieldhighschool.org has a lot of information and can answer many questions.
- The lack of input from the employees currently at the High School was because people did not want to “cross the line” concerning State Ethics laws.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

Councilor Sutphin held the following second reading:

- Appropriate \$20, 922 from 1607.100.4840 Insurance Claim Reimbursements for the purchase of a replacement chair car.
- Appropriate \$1000 from the Sale of Town Owned Land Account to purchase property on Route 2 West.

Vice-President Devlin asked if anyone wished to speak regarding the Public Hearing items. Seeing none, he closed the Public Hearing at 8:01 pm.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Councilor McLellan noted the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded unanimous positive recommendation for the following appointments.

Order no. FY 12-127

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

VOTED: 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 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION: DR. ROBERT SAGOR – THREE YEAR TERM –JUNE 30, 2015

Order no. FY 12-128

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

VOTED: 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 HISTORICAL COMMISSION: JOHN PASSIGLIA – THREE YEAR TERM –JUNE 30, 2015

Order no. FY 12-129

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

VOTED: 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 COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS: LINDA BRINK – THREE YEAR TERM –JUNE 30, 2015.

Order no. FY12-130

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 29 AND 30 OF CHAPTER 176 OF THE ACTS OF 2011 WHICH WILL INCREASE THE MINIMUM MONTHLY ALLOWANCES TO A SPOUSE OF A DECEASED MEMBER CONTAINED IN G.L.c. 32, SECTION 12 (2) (d) FROM \$250.00 TO \$500.00 AS ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED AS EXHIBITA.

EXHIBIT A

SECTION 29. Said section 12 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 211 and 212, the words "two hundred and fifty dollars" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- \$250 or \$500 a month, whichever is applicable to such spouse.

SECTION 30. Option (d) of said section 12 of said chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the tenth paragraph the following paragraph: Beginning April 2, 2012, the normal monthly member-survivor allowance provided for under this option to a spouse of a deceased member shall not be less than \$500 for members of the state teachers' and state employees' retirement system. This paragraph shall take effect for the members of a retirement system of any other political subdivision by a majority vote of the board of such system and by the local legislative body. For the purpose of this paragraph, a vote of the legislative body shall take place in the following manner: in a city, by a vote of the city council subject to its charter; in a town, by a vote at a town meeting; in a county, by a vote of the county retirement board advisory council; in a region, by a vote of the regional retirement board advisory council; in a district, by a vote of the district members; and for an authority, by a vote of its governing body. Acceptance shall be deemed to have occurred upon the filing of a certification of such vote with the commission.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Sutphin noted the committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -130.

Order no. FY 12-133

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL SENDS A LETTER TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT A. DELEO AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES ANDREWS AND MARK REQUESTING THEIR SUPPORT OF NET METERING AS WRITTEN IN SB 1164: "AN ACT IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD SOLAR AND NET-METERING IN THE COMMONWEALTH" AND HB 1776: "AN ACT RELATIVE TO NET-METERING."

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski stated the committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -133.

Order no. FY 12-134

Financial Order 12-025

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD APPROPRIATES THE SUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$20,922) FROM FUND 1607.100.4840 INSURANCE CLAIM REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT CHAIR CAR FOR THE GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Sutphin noted the committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. This vehicle had been rear ended and totaled. This motion releases the insurance funds received to purchase a replacement vehicle.

It was unanimously, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -134, Financial Order 12-025.

Order no. FY 12-135

Financial Order 12-037

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT THAT THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD APPROPRIATES THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000) FROM FUND 1610.991.5960 SALE OF TOWN OWNED LAND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PARCEL OF LAND ON THE MOHAWK TRAIL IDENTIFIED IN THE ASSESSORS' MAPS AS R37/13A/0.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Sutphin reported the committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. This land would be used for signage to welcome people to Greenfield and was one aspect of the Mayor's "Gateway to Greenfield" initiative. Ms. Kelly stated the Mayor had identified six (6) entrances to Greenfield that he would like to make more attractive and inviting.

It was unanimously, 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -135, Financial Order 12-037.

Order no. FY 12-131

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN OF GREENFIELD CODE, CHAPTER 104, SECTION 3 OF THE "NAMING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PLACES ORDINANCE," THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL INITIATES THE PROCESS OF NAMING A TRAIL AT HIGHLAND PARK, THE "LARRY CLARKE TRAIL" AT THE LOCATION SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN THE VOTER PETITION ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A AND REQUEST FROM TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT SINGER. THE TOWN COUNCIL FORWARDS SAID REQUEST TO THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE FOR HEARING AND RECOMMENDATION PURSUANT TO THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD CODE, CHAPTER 104.

Greenfield Voters

Please READ AND SIGN

**PETITION PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-6(b) OF THE TOWN CHARTER
TO NAME A TRAIL AT HIGHLAND PARK
THE "LARRY CLARK TRAIL"**

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD DO HEREBY PETITION THE TOWN COUNCIL TO NAME THE TRAIL THAT BEGINS ON PEABODY LANE, KNOWN AS THE "RED TRAIL", CONTINUING ON THE "RED TRAIL" TO THE "GREEN TRAIL", FOLLOWING THAT TRAIL BACK TO THE "RED TRAIL" TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING AT PEABODY LANE - THE "LARRY CLARK TRAIL"

DATE	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
2/12	36 SHATTUCK ST GFLD.	James N. Hillman
2/12	16 Oak Hill Rd	Arthur Sauer
2/11	GFLD	R.A. Bostwick
2/11	Abbott St GFLD	Ken Sauer
2/11	Holly Ave GFLD	Rebecca J. Clement
2/11	4 EARL AVE GFLD	Brian J. Saldowicz
2/12	37 Grinnell St.	Carla J. Sauer
2/12	1012 Bernardston Rd	Sharon Smith
2/13	11 Woodain Ridge	Micoletta Saldowicz
2/13	24 Madison Circle	Hedie Zaunig
2/13	16 Hastings St.	John J. Wisniewski
2/13	Fyffe Park	22 Spring Terrace GFLD
2/13	Colleen K. Kubiak	843 Country Club Rd GREENFIELD
2/13	29 Ferris Ave	Dan C...
2/14	43 Devens Street	Eudence D. B...

We all know that it was Larry's mission to "save the world from bad sound". Larry was also very physically active, and for many decades walked virtually every day on the trails at Highland Park. He was a steward of Highland Park, cutting dead brush and tree limbs with his chain saw, clearing streams that had become clogged, picking up debris and brushing the trails clean of fallen branches and large rocks. Those who enjoy Highland Park had Larry to thank for its rustic tidiness. Throughout Highland Park are cairns, or a mound of stones artfully constructed by Larry. It is submitted that Highland Park, if it could speak, would want a trail named after its favorite son.

GREENFIELD, MASS.
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OFFICE OF THE
TOWN CLERK

Order no. FY 12-132

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE ATTACHED SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT FOR MAY 1, 2012 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAID WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Sutphin, it was,
VOTED: TO AMEND THE WORD PRESIDENT TO READ VICE-PRESIDENT.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 12 -132 AS AMENDED.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairman Wisnewski noted a few of the committee members will attend a Planning Board meeting to discuss zoning amendments regarding Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations and Non-Commercial Scale Solar Energy Installations.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Chairman Vicencio-Rasku noted the committee met with Ms. Collins regarding the Greenfield Energy Smart Homes project presented earlier.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE – Chairman Sutphin noted the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets had been submitted. A list of meetings had been sent to the Town Council, Mayor and Department Heads. Ms. Kelly would be providing information sessions for anyone who would like to attend. Councilor Sutphin urged anyone with questions to contact her, the Mayor, or Ms. Kelly to obtain information.

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- Councilor McLellan stated the committee was very close to finishing the General review of ordinances.

General discussion relative to the process for the Charter changes was held. It was noted the next step would be to have the Town Council vote on the changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

MOVED: TO MOVE AGENDA ITEM #14 PUBLIC FORUM TO FOLLOW ITEMS #6 COMMUNICATIONS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION.

Councilor Hoffman withdrew her second. Vice-President Devlin stated this would be sent to committee.

Councilor Sutphin held the following first reading:

Fiscal Year 13 Operating Budget

- The sums of money for the purposes listed on the “Town of Greenfield General Fund Operating Budget”, not to be exceeded of \$42,222,960 for the Fiscal Year 2013, and to meet said appropriation, \$275,000 shall be transferred from Parking Meter Receipts, and the balance shall be raised and appropriated.

Fiscal Year 13 Capital Plan

- The sum of \$262,100 be appropriated for the following building improvements:

○ Town Hall Siding	\$38,000	Borrowing
○ Town Hall Carpeting	\$38,000	Borrowing
○ Repairs to the Police Station	\$25,000	Borrowing

○ Green River School Upgrades	\$137,100	Borrowing
○ School Building Door Replacement	\$24,000	Borrowing
➤ The sum of \$423,900 be appropriated for the following departmental equipment:		
○ Purchase Fuel Efficient Vehicles	\$45,000	
▪ Health Department		
▪ Building Department		
▪ Engineering		
○ Purchase Marked Police Cruiser	\$40,000	Borrowing
○ Purchase Replacement Radio Boxes for Fire Dept	\$101,400	Borrowing
○ Purchase Student Transport Vehicles	\$60,000	Borrowing
○ Purchase Z-Track Mower w/ Attachments	\$14,500	Borrowing
○ Purchase Public Works Dump Truck	\$163,000	Borrowing
➤ To install and repair Town guardrails	\$45,000	Borrowing
➤ To purchase of School Computer Technology	\$75,000	Borrowing
➤ To replace town sidewalks	\$120,000	Borrowing
➤ To repave the Chapman & Davis parking lot	\$200,000	Borrowing
➤ To engineer the stabilization of Wisdom Way	\$150,000	Borrowing
➤ To improve and reconstruct Sewer inflow and infiltration Facilities	\$50,000	Borrowing
➤ To purchase a 1 ton dump truck and fuel efficient		
○ Vehicle for the Sewer Fund Earnings	\$63,500	SF Retained
➤ To purchase a ¾ ton dump truck for the Water Fund Earnings	\$36,000	WF Retained
➤ To repair and replace the Leyden Road (14) inch water main	\$90,000	Borrowing

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Sutphin, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____

Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15

Regular Meeting

April 18, 2012

1. Kelner, Mariann	P						
2. McLellan, Thomas	P						
3. Allis, Brickett	A						
4. Ronhave, Steven	P						
5. Singer, David	A						
6. Hoffman, Hillary	P						
7. Renaud, Karen	P						
8. Vicencio-Rasku, Iris	P						
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	P						

10. Farrell, Timothy	A						
11. Wisnewski, Mark	P						
12. Devlin, Patrick	P						
13. Sutphin, Tracey	P						

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: April 18, 2012

CONTACT: Office of the Mayor
(413) 772-1560

MAYOR RECUPERATES AT HOME

(Greenfield, Ma.) Mayor William Martin will be recuperating at home for the next 2-4 weeks after his release from Baystate Medical Center. Mayor Martin was admitted on April 2 for resection of a recently discovered spinal tumor, called a Schwannoma. The tumor was completely removed and, typical of Schwannoma tumors, was benign.

“Because we have so many initiatives, projects and such a busy town schedule, there is really no best time to for me to be out,” he said. “..but, this is a good time for me to get my strength back and catch up on reading and research.” The City is closing in on a May 1 vote for a newly constructed high school, a 2013 Capital & Operating Budget, an initial review of recently completed studies for a public safety complex, and a strategic plan for technology and telecommunication recommendations. “Fortunately, I had completed the budget and capital review over the past 2 months and now I am hoping to attend some of the sub-committee meetings as the Council reviews our budget submission”.

The Mayor added, “ I am voting YES on the new construction for the High School before any of the percentages change, like the interest rate or State contribution for our project. Our Town deserves this outstretched hand of good fate; we are modest when things are very good and frugal when things are very tough. This is an opportunity worth the moderate cost”.

“As with any surgery, it’s a little debilitating but I am able to communicate with my staff on a daily basis we have devised a system for signing and review of documents. Thanks to our fine Town Hall Team, it’s business as usual.”

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Town Council

Town Of GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Town Hall, Greenfield, Mass, 01301 Phone (413) 772-1555 ext. 113 Fax (413) 772-1542

TO: Mayor William Martin

FROM: David Singer, Town Council President
Tracey Sutphin, Ways and Means Committee Chairman

DATE: April 17, 2012

Regarding: Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Discussion

We respectfully request your presence and the presence of town departments at the attached list of meetings scheduled to discuss the Mayor's proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Budget with the Ways and Means Committee of the Greenfield Town Council. All meetings will begin at 6:00 pm and be held at GCTV-15, 393 Main Street *unless otherwise noted*. The Chairwoman of Ways and Means specifically requests the departments listed in **green** attend.

Discussion will be held regarding the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Budget. All aspects of the budget will be under consideration with questions both specific and general thereto.

The Ways and Means Committee will hold a final budget discussion on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 6:00 pm, in the GCTV-15 studio.

This schedule is subject to change due to varying circumstances.

Thank you in advance for all of your assistance.

Xc Town Councilors, Departments Listed

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Wednesday, April 25, 2012

- Executive
 - **Mayor**
 - **Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development and Marketing**
- Culture & Recreation
 - **Library**
 - Recreation
 - Historical Commission

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

- Financial Administration
 - Accounting
 - **Assessors**
 - Finance Department
 - Treasurer/Collector
- Operations Support
 - Legal
 - **Human Resources**
 - MIS
- Debt Service
- Miscellaneous

Wednesday, May 9, 2012 - Location - 114 Main Street

- Other General Government
 - **Central Maintenance**
- **Public Works**
 - Operating Budget
 - Snow & Ice Removal
 - Other DPW Related Expenses

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

- Licensing & Registration
 - Town Clerk
 - Elections
 - Board of Registrars
 - License Commission
- Legislative
- **Public Safety**
 - **Police**
 - Parking Enforcement
 - Dispatch Center
 - **Fire**
 - Building Inspector
 - Plumbing & Wiring Inspector
 - Sealer of Weights and Measures
 - Animal Inspector
 - Civil Defense

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

- Education
 - **Franklin County Technical School**
 - **Greenfield Public School**

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

- Land Use & Development
 - Conservation Commission
 - Planning Board
 - Zoning Board
 - Planning and Community Development
 - Greenfield Redevelopment Authority
- Human Services
 - Health Inspection Service
 - Council on Aging
 - Veterans Services
 - Human Rights Commission
 - Disability Access Commission

Wednesday, June 6, 2012

- Deliberation and Recommendation

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

- Town Council Budget Meeting

Wednesday, June 20, 2012