

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2012

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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. Councilors Athey, Zaltzberg, Vicencio-Rasku, and Hirschfeld were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Energy and Sustainability Coordinator Carole Collins; Human Rights Committee Chairwoman Penny Ricketts; Just Roots representative Jay Lord; GCTV-15 staff; Anita Phillips, *the Recorder*; and members of the public.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2012.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2011.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: President Singer opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm. Councilor Allis read the following: In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main Street to receive public input on the following:

- Appropriate \$400,000 from Stabilization to fund FY13 contractual salary increases.
- Appropriate \$25,000 from 1610 Sale of Town Owned Land for Just Roots.

The Town Council will consider the same at their meeting on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 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.

David Singer, Greenfield Town Council President

Councilor Allis held the following second reading:

- Ordered that \$400,000 be appropriated from Stabilization to fund FY13 contractual salary increases.
- Ordered that \$25,000 be appropriated from 1610 Sale of Town Owned Land for Just Roots.

President Singer stated the Council would make a motion to move the Public Forum section of the agenda to allow citizens to speak relative to the Public Hearing or any matter related to tonight’s meeting.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Devlin, second by Councilor Hoffman, it was, **VOTED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, RULE 8, ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS TO ALLOW ITEM NUMBER 14. “PUBLIC FORUM” DIRECTLY FOLLOW NUMBER 4. “PUBLIC HEARING”.

PUBLIC FORUM: The following people spoke:

- Pam Kinsmith, 93 Homestead Ave., spoke in opposition to a Facebook post by Councilor Allis, but appreciated his selfless efforts and work on behalf of the Town of Greenfield.
- Cathy Gouch, 12 Brookside Ave., hoped that Councilor Allis never has to “walk back” his words ever again.
- Penny Ricketts, 497 Main Street, #3, spoke as Chairwoman of the Human Rights Commission. The commission was unable to hold a meeting to support the resolution. She commended Councilor Allis for his apology and Councilor Renaud for bringing the resolution forward.
- Doug Fontaine, Leyden, supported Councilor Allis and suggested before anyone labels him as a “hater,” they should get to know the person first.
- Daria Fiske, 11 Park Street, #1A, stated that regardless of the reasons for this resolution being proposed, she commended everyone for bringing it forward.

President Singer asked if anyone else wanted to speak to the resolution or the Public Hearing. Seeing none, the hearing would remain open.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Ms. Collins reviewed the Municipal Aggregation Synopsis attached. She responded to questions for the project in the City of Marlboro Massachusetts. She noted with a large amount of users, a better rate for electricity would be obtained. The next step would be for Town Council to approve the project. Then, a plan would be created and public input would be requested. The Feasibility Study would be sent to the Councilors for review.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: None.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

President Singer closed the Public Hearing and public forum at 7:32 pm.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 13-020

RESOLUTION: On a motion by Councilor Renaud, second by Councilor Allis, it was, **MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION ENTITLED “GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION PROMOTING GREENFIELD AS AN OPEN AND ACCEPTING COMMUNITY”.

Greenfield Town Council Resolution Promoting Greenfield as an Open and Accepting Community

Whereas, Greenfield is an open and accepting community that values and respects diversity in its many forms;

Whereas, Greenfield is a place where all residents and visitors should feel free to be themselves;

Whereas, the Greenfield Town Council understands that appreciating our differences makes us strong and adds to the culture and fiber of our vibrant community.

Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved, that Greenfield welcomes and accepts into every aspect of its community residents and visitors of any race, color, religious creed, age, familial status, national origin, sexual identity, gender, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, veteran status, economic status, political affiliation, background, or experience, so that we may be enriched by one another.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Hoffman stated the Community Relations and Education Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. Councilor Allis appreciated Councilor Renaud for bringing this forward. He would have always voted in favor of this resolution. Councilor Renaud wanted everyone to know they were welcome in Greenfield and did not have to be silent about who they were.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. FY 13 -020.

Order no. FY 13-013

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Allis, 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 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: STEVE RONHAVE -ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS -1ST ALTERNATE 3-YEAR TERM, JUNE 30, 2015 (REPLACING CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH WHO MOVED FROM 1ST ALTERNATE TO FULL MEMBER)

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski stated the Community Relations and Education Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. Councilor Ronhave would abstain from the vote.

It was unanimously, with 1 abstention (Councilor Ronhave),

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -013.

Order no. FY 13-014

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Allis, 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 CONSERVATION COMMISSION: JOHN BLASIAK CONSERVATION COMMISSION – JUNE 30, 2013 (REPLACE STEPHEN WALK WHO RESIGNED)

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski stated the Community Relations and Education Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -014.

Order no. FY 13-015

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Allis, 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 SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: NANCY HAZARD -SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - JUNE 30, 2015.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski reported the Community Relations and Education Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. Councilor Allis couldn't think of anyone better to have in this position.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -015.

Order no. FY 13-016

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Allis, 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 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION: DONALD (SKIP) F. WHITE, JR. – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION JUNE 30, 2015 (REPLACING THE SEAT LEFT VACANT BY THE RESIGNATION OF EDWARD HAMMOND)

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski stated the Community Relations and Education Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -016.

Order no. FY 13-017

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT \$400,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM STABILIZATION TO FUND FISCAL YEAR 2013 CONTRACTUAL SALARY INCREASES.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. This required a 2/3 vote. The unions represented were: Clerical, DPW, Non-represented, Fire, School Administration, School Custodial, and School Teachers. This would leave an approximant balance of 1.5 million dollars in the stabilization accounts. When Free Cash was certified, the funds would be replenished if funding allowed.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -017.

Order no. FY 13-018

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT \$25,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM 1610 SALE OF TOWN OWNED LAND FOR JUST ROOTS.

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

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -018.

Order no. FY 13-021

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED IN MEMORY OF LARRY CLARK, THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL NAMES A TRAIL LOCATED AT HIGHLAND PARK THE “LARRY CLARK TRAIL” AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: A 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.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. This was a just and worthy way to remember Mr. Clark. President Singer thanked Mr. Wainstein for bringing this forward to the Council for consideration.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -021.

Order no. FY 13-012

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSES THE “SIGN INVENTORY AND RETROREFLECTIVITY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM” PLAN AS WRITTEN AND ATTACHED HERETO AS “EXHIBIT A” IN COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Devlin stated the Economic Development Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. This program was an unfunded Federal mandate to make street signs more reflective for drivers to see better at night. Town Engineer Sara Campbell met with the EDC and explained the town has been making its own signs and would continue to do so.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -012.

Order no. FY 13-019

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE ATTACHED STATE PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2012 AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN SAID WARRANT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Allis held the following first reading:

- Ordered that \$27,300 be appropriated from the Fire Department Revolving Fund #1580 for a replacement vehicle for the Fire Prevention Officer.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

President Singer was very proud of the community, Town Council, and specifically Councilor Allis, for discussing and dealing with the earlier public forum and resolution.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Devlin, it was unanimously

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:49 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Regular Meeting
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1. Kelner, Mariann	P						
2. Zaltzberg, Keith	A						
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	A						
10. Athey, Dalton	A						
11. Wisnewski, Mark	P						
12. Devlin, Patrick	P						
13. Vacant	---						