

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2012

Veterans/ Planning Office, 114 Main Street

7:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 broadcast.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll Call was taken. Councilor Zaltzburg was absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Town Accountant Elizabeth Braccia; School Superintendent Dr. Susan Hollins; School Business Manager Elizabeth Gillman; Human Resource Director Dennis Helmus; Chief Assessor Audrey Murphy; School Committee Chairman John Lunt; GCTV-15 staff; Anita Phillips, *the Recorder*; and members of the public.

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

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2012.

President Singer asked if anyone wished to speak under the "Public Comment" section of the agenda. Seeing none, the meeting would continue.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Councilor Allis read the Public Hearing notice as follows: In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Mon., Nov. 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at **Vet. /Planning Office, 114 Main St.** to receive public input on the following:

- Appropriate \$15,000 from Stabilization to fund a memorandum of Agreement with the S Schedule Salary Employee Association.
- Appropriate \$225,000 from Stabilization to the Greenfield Public Schools Fiscal Year 2013 General Fund budget.
- Appropriate \$500 from Stabilization to the Fiscal Year 2013 Snow and Ice Budget.

President Singer opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm. He asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none the hearing would remain open.

Councilor Allis held the second reading as follows:

- To appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from Stabilization to fund a memorandum of Agreement with the S Schedule Salary Employee Association regarding the issue of outsourcing town services to settle a pending Division of Labor Relations Complaint by the Association and to dismiss any and all other charges.
- Appropriate \$225,000 from Stabilization to the Greenfield Public Schools Fiscal Year 2013 General Fund budget.
- Appropriate \$500 from Stabilization to the Fiscal Year 2013 Snow and Ice Budget.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

MAYOR: None.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: None.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Order no. FY 13-046**

***Financial Order 13-007***

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$15,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM STABILIZATION TO FUND A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE “S” SCHEDULE SALARY EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REGARDING THE ISSUE OF OUTSOURCING TOWN SERVICES TO SETTLE A PENDING DIVISION OF LABOR RELATIONS COMPLAINT BY THE ASSOCIATION AND TO DISMISS ANY AND ALL OTHER CHARGES.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it by roll call vote, unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 PM FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING ONGOING LITIGATION.

President Singer reconvened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis reported the Ways and Means Committee forwarded unanimous positive recommendation for approval.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 13 -046.

**Order no. FY 13-047**

***Financial Order 13-005***

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$225,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM STABILIZATION TO THE GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS FISCAL YEAR 2013 GENERAL FUND BUDGET.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a majority positive recommendation for approval, 4 yes and 1 no. He explained that during the FY 13 budget process, an agreement between the Mayor and School Department was made stating when Free Cash was certified, \$225,000.00 would be given to the Schools. He further stated Free Cash had yet to be certified, which was the purpose of the order. Mayor Martin noted this was being done early to help alleviate stress on the School Administration budget. Superintendent Hollins reviewed the school financial information attached. State grants, choice-out students, and an increase in enrollments were topics of discussion. Councilor Athey stated he was the Ways and Means Committee member who voted in opposition of this order. He noted the shuffling of money between accounts was premature and unnecessary. He further

stated the information provided was inadequate for the motion to be considered. Councilors Hoffman, Ronhave, Renaud and Kelner spoke in favor of the appropriation.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Athey, second by Councilor Renaud, it was,  
**DEFEATED:** TO TABLE THE MOTION UNTIL FREE CASH HAD BEEN CERTIFIED.

It was unanimously, 1 abstention,  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 13 -047.

President Singer closed the Public Hearing at 8:10 pm.

**Order no. FY 13-048**  
**Financial Order 13-006**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$500 BE APPROPRIATED FROM STABILIZATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 SNOW AND ICE BUDGET.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated Ways and Means forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for the order.

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 13 -048.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS** None.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ms. Kelly informed Councilors the split tax rate information would be forthcoming for the Council Meeting on November 29, 2012. Mayor Martin would present a short power point presentation regarding the split tax rate. He was against a split tax rate and if the council voted in favor he would veto the vote.

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

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

**VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:08 P.M.

A true copy,

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

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

114 Main Street  
 Special Meeting  
 November 19, 2012

Roll Call  
 Executive Session  
 In Out

		In	Out					
1. Kelner, Marian	P	Y	Y					
2. Zaltzberg, Keith	A	--	--					
3. Allis, Brickett	P	Y	Y					
4. Ronhave, Steven	P	Y	Y					
5. Singer, David	P	--	--					
6. Hoffman, Hillary	P	Y	Y					
7. Renaud, Karen	P	Y	Y					
8. -----	---	--	--					
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	P	Y	Y					
10. Athey, Dalton	P	Y	Y					
11. Wisnewski, Mark	P	Y	Y					
12. Devlin, Patrick	P	Y	Y					
13. Maloni, Mark	P	Y	Y					