

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2013

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 Renaud and Athey were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Retirement Administrator Marianne Fiske; Retirement Board Chairman William Devino and members Betty Rice and Marilyn Matysiewicz; PERAC Representative Jim Lamenzo; GCTV-15 staff; 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 NOVEMBER 19, 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 NOVEMBER 29, 2012.

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

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2012.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor Martin updated the Town Council regarding the following:

- Budget review information to be sent to the Town Council via email. He requested comments and suggestions be sent to him by the February Town Council meeting.
- There would be an increase in the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating budget in Pension/Retirement cost and Health Insurance.
- Judgment had been handed down for French King in favor of the abutters. This would now go to a case manager in the court system.

Mayor Martin, Ms. Fiske, Mr. Devino and Mr. Lamenzo described the functions of the Retirement Board and actuarial funding. (See attached)

**SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** None.

**TOWN OFFICERS:** None.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Order no. FY 13-074**

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

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**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A FISCAL YEAR 2012 MEDICAL EXPENSE TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-914-5182 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00.

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

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -074.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Allis stated the committee recommends that the Town Council vote in opposition of taking the following order from the table. This would allow Councilor Athey, who proposed the resolution, the ability to attend and discuss the resolution.

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

**DEFEATED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 13-050 “THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPTS THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION, SUBMITTED BY COUNCILOR ATHEY AT THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, RELATING TO THE TOWN EXPENDITURE FOR SCHOOL CHOICE/CHARTER” WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE NOVEMBER 29, 2012 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Submitted by Councilor Athey at the September 19, 2012 Town Council meeting

Proposed resolution for the Greenfield Town Council:

Whereas: The expenditure of Greenfield Taxpayer funds for School Choice/Charter in Fiscal Year 2013 is currently budgeted at \$3.5 Million Dollars, and;

Whereas: The taxpayers of Greenfield have funded similar amounts of money in each of the last several years, and;

Whereas: By comparison, the amounts expended on School Choice/Charter is considerably larger than annual expenditures for the Greenfield Police Department, and;

Whereas: Continued annual expenditures of this magnitude will have a destabilizing effect on the finances of the Town of Greenfield, it is,

Resolved: That it is a primary financial objective of the Town of Greenfield, that the total town expenditure for School Choice/Charter shall not exceed the amount received by the Greenfield School District for students Choosing into District schools. Or in other words “revenue neutrality.”

We further recommend that the Mayor of Greenfield, Greenfield Town Council, and the Greenfield School Committee jointly establish a working committee that is charged with understanding the underlying causes that are resulting in Greenfield parents choosing their children out of Greenfield Schools, and to recommend a course of action sufficient to achieve “revenue neutrality” in School choice by Fiscal Year 2017.

We anticipate that the working committee will utilize outside professional advisors to complete its charge, the cost of which shall be in addition to the existing Greenfield School budget.

We further anticipate the inclusion in the next Greenfield School Department budget of the financial requirements in support of the recommended action necessary to achieve “revenue neutrality” by Fiscal Year 2017.

**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: THE SUM OF \$1,500,000 BE APPROPRIATED TO PURCHASE PROPERTY OWNED BY S & W REALTY LOCATED AT 298 FEDERAL ST., UNIT A, GREENFIELD, MA, DESCRIBED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 3812, PAGE 40, AS AMENDED (THE "CONDOMINIUM") AND PROPERTY OWNED BY GREENFIELD SILVER, INC., f/k/a LUNT SILVERSMITH, INC. LOCATED AT 298 FEDERAL ST., UNIT B, GREENFIELD, MA, DESCRIBED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 3894, PAGE 34, AS AMENDED AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID SUM OF \$1,500,000 PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7 (3) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING STATUTE, AND THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR, CONTRACT FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT TO BE USED TO REDUCE THE WITHIN APPROPRIATION, AND FURTHER, THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT.

Vice-President Wisnewski reminded the public of the following:

- The Greenfield Winter Carnival would be held on February 1-3, 2013.
- Master Plan Town wide community meeting on February 9, 2013 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The location has yet to be determined. Information will be available on the Town's website and GCTV-15.

President Singer would send a memo to Town Council indicating the specific section of the Fiscal Year 2014 they should review and participate in the process.

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None.

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

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