

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2013

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:10 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. All Councilors were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development Robert Pyers.; Director of Planning Eric Twarog; Energy and Sustainability Coordinator Carole Collins; Greenfield School Superintendent Dr. Susan Hollins; Baystate Health Vice President, Government & Community Relations and Public Affairs, Steven F. Bradley; Baystate Health, Director of Public & Community Relations, Amy Swisher; Peregrine Energy Group CEO Paul Gromer; 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 FEBRUARY 20, 2013.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2013.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Teresa Conti, 356 Deerfield Street, questioned why citizens were not allowed to call in live questions during the Town Council meeting. She stated it was very difficult for some people for various reasons to be able to attend these meeting and there should be accommodations set in place to allow them to participate in the meetings. She informed the Town Council that within the past week, she had been told to “shut up” and during the same conversation was “hung up on” by an elected official. Regarding the purchase of property located at 38 Deerfield St., Ms. Conti questioned the need to spend taxpayer money on a building the town doesn’t need to purchase. Jim Hutchinson, 136 Main Street, questioned why the town would purchase property at 38 Deerfield for \$10,000 rather than taking the property for no cost for demolition?

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Councilor Allis read the following public hearing: In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., March 20, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main St. to receive public input on the following:

- Appropriate \$44,500 from the Capital Purchase Stabilization Fund to purchase 3 Vehicle
- Appropriate \$10,000 to purchase a property - Assessor’s Map 24, Block 38, lot 0.

The Town Council will consider the same on Wed., March 20, 2013 which begins at 7:00 p.m. at the GCTV-15 Studio, 393 Main St. Materials can be obtained from the Town Clerk’s Office, 14 Court Sq. from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. or phone 413-772-1555, xt. 113.

Councilor Allis held the following second reading:

1. THAT THE SUM OF \$44,500 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE CAPITAL PURCHASE STABILIZATION FUND TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE FY13 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ON JUNE 13, 2012.
 - Engineering Department Vehicle \$15,000
 - Health Department Vehicle \$15,000
 - Building Department Vehicle \$14,500

2. THAT \$10,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FUND 1610, SALE OF TOWN OWNED LAND, TO PURCHASE A PROPERTY ON DEERFIELD STREET AS IDENTIFIED ON ASSESSOR'S MAP 24, BLOCK 38, LOT 0.

President Singer opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 pm. In response to a public inquiry, Councilor Allis stated the vehicles would be purchased for the Engineering, Health, and Building Departments. The vehicles would be fuel efficient vehicles and gently used.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Mayor Martin commented on the following:

- Block grant funds would likely be used for the demolition of the Deerfield Street property for between \$40,000 to \$60,000. The property to the rear of this building was also vacant and the owner was in the process of deciding if they would rehab the building or sell it. The plan was to create veteran housing on the cleared parcel.
- The appropriation for \$10,000 to purchase the property would come from sale of town land fund.
- The funds to purchase the vehicles would be taken from a capital purchasing fund rather than borrowing.
- The Fiscal Year Operating Budget would be forwarded to the Town Council on Friday, March 29, 2013. The backup budget books would be sent to the Town Council the following week.
- The State would not be providing a supplemental budget.
- Renting space at the Lunt property to house the Virtual School offices. The School Committee would discuss the Virtual School issue on Thursday, March 21, 2013. This school would not be a Town of Greenfield School, it would be a highbred.

Mr. Gromer and Ms. Collins discussed Municipal Aggregation as follows:

- Peregrine will be the third party supplier for the Town of Greenfield's Municipal Aggregation.
- There were 5 steps for Municipal Aggregation:
 1. Create a plan by the end of April
 2. Send that plan to the State for review and approval
 3. Create a RFT and obtain a supplier
 4. Consumer education
 5. Enroll and provide services

Mr. Gromer responded to Councilors questions regarding varying Municipal Aggregation topics. He stated several communities have gone forward with Municipal Aggregation. Many of the options Greenfield was looking at offering were more "green" than other communities. There would be a variety of published rates for residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Dr. Hollins handed out the “foundation budget and chapter 70” packets (attached). She explained state aid for 2013- 2014. Dr. Hollins also spoke of the following:

- Special group activities through the district.
- Tentative ground breaking for the new high school on April 29, 2013.
- Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014 budgets issues.
- Virtual School.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

President Singer closed the Public Hearing at 8:43 p.m.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 13-090

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATES THE ZONE MAP CHANGE AS FOLLOWS “AMEND THE GREENFIELD ZONING MAP BY RE-ZONING PARCELS 80-6, 80-7, AND 80-9 FROM URBAN RESIDENTIAL (RA) TO HEALTH SERVICES (H), BY RE-ZONING THE PORTION OF PARCEL 80-1 FROM URBAN RESIDENTIAL (RA) TO HEALTH SERVICE (H) AND BY RE-ZONING THE PORTION OF PARCEL 80-10 FROM URBAN RESIDENTIAL (RA) TO LIMITED COMMERCIAL (LC) SO THAT THE ENTIRE PARCEL IS LIMITED COMMERCIAL (LC). (SEE ATTACHED MAP OF THE PROPOSED RE-ZONING” IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5).

DISCUSSION: President Singer noted this would initiate the process and it would be forwarded to the Planning Board and Economic Development Committee for review and recommendation. Mayor Martin stated the Hospital had a contract contingent upon the zoning amendment change. The rezoning would not affect the church or Greenfield Middle School.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -090.

Order no. FY 13-092

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT THE SUM OF \$44,500 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE CAPITAL PURCHASE STABILIZATION FUND TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE FY13 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ON JUNE 13, 2012.

- Engineering Department Vehicle \$15,000
- Health Department Vehicle \$15,000
- Building Department Vehicle \$14,500

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

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -092.

Order no. FY 13-091

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT \$10,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FUND 1610, SALE OF TOWN OWNED LAND, TO PURCHASE A PROPERTY ON DEERFIELD STREET AS IDENTIFIED ON ASSESSOR'S MAP 24, BLOCK 38, LOT 0.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Allis reported the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. Account 1610 was funded by money brought in when the town sold town property.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -091.

Order no. FY 13-085

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Hoffman, 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 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: SARAH MOUSER -3-YEAR TERM, JUNE 30, 2015.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -085.

Order no. FY13-086

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Hoffman, 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 PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE: WILLIAM CHILDS -2-YEAR TERM, JUNE 30, 2015 (REPLACING MICHAEL MURPHY).

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -086.

Order no. FY 13-089

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Devlin, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGLc 54, SECTION 24, THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY DESIGNATES POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD AS FOLLOWS:
PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 - THE GUIDING STAR GRANGE HALL, 401 CHAPMAN STREET.

PRECINCTS 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9 - THE LUNT PROPERTY, 298 FEDERAL STREET.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Wisnewski stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. This was due to the construction at the Greenfield High School. Ms. Winseck stated these voting locations would remain the same until the Town Council votes differently.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -089.

Order no. FY 13-093

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Hoffman, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT IT BE ORDERED, THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE ATTACHED SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION WARRANT FOR APRIL 30, 2013 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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Chairman Hoffman discussed the upcoming meeting scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2013, topics to be determined.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairman Devlin reviewed the joint Public Hearing with the Planning Board regarding the citizens petition for a moratorium for Biomass/Waste to Energy. The EDC also held a Public Hearing regarding the sale of town owned land for two properties.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: Ms. Conte questioned the accessibility of the new voting locations. She also questioned how the properties on Deerfield Street were going to be pieced together for Veteran housing.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Devlin, 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

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Regular Meeting
March 20, 2013

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	P						
8. Shapiro Miller, Karen	P						
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	P						
10. Athey, Dalton	P						
11. Wisnewski, Mark	P						
12. Devlin, Patrick	P						
13. Maloni, Mark	P						