

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2016

GCTV-15, 393 Main Street

6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Allis.

President Allis 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 Childs was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Deborah J. Tuttle; Town Accountant Elizabeth Braccia; School Committee members Adrienne Nunez and Susan Hollins; DPW Director Donald Ouellette; School Superintendent Jordana Harper; Business Manager Education Howard Barber; Director of Student Services Adam Garand; Recreation Director Christy Moore; Human Resource Director Dennis Helmus; Building Inspector Mark Snow; Recreation Commission Chairperson Rick Roy; License Commissioner Scott Conte; Energy Director Carole Collins; Veterans Director Tim Niejadlik; Health Director Nicole Zabko; Planning Director Eric Twarog; IT Director Fernando Fleury; Chief Assessor Audrey Murphy; Police Chief Robert Haigh; Deputy Police Chief Mark Williams; Central Maintenance George VanDelinder; Treasurer/Collector Kelly Varner; Library Director Ellen Boyer; Council on Aging Director Hope Macary; Mayor's Special Projects Assistant Lindsay Rowe; Fire Chief Robert Strahan; GCTV-15 staff; Aviva Luttrell, *the Recorder*, and members of the public.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Maloni, it was unanimously,

VOTED: THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, 8 ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Councilor Lobik read the following Public Hearing:

In accordance with the Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., May 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main St.: to consider the following:

MAYOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

CATEGORY	MAYOR'S PROPOSED FY 17 BUDGET
LEGISLATIVE	\$76,600.00
EXECUTIVE	\$263,376.00
FINANCIAL ADMIN	\$1,034,575.00
OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$713,626.00
LICENSING & REGISTRATION	\$234,075.00
LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT	\$129,100.00
OTHER GEN'L GOVERNMENT	\$1,389,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$6,452,744.00
EDUCATION	\$19,187,537.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,603,825.00
HUMAN SERVICES	\$937,497.00
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$797,550.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,801,615.00

MISCELLANEOUS	\$11,521,700.00
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$47,142,820.00

The Town Council will consider the same on Wed., May 25, at 6:00 p.m. at GCTV-15 Studio, 393 Main Street. 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. 6163.

Brickett Allis, President
Greenfield Town Council

President Allis opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 pm and asked if anyone wished to speak; the following spoke:

- Police Chief Haigh, Greenfield Police Department 321 High Street, read a prepared statement in support of the Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Police Department Operating Budget. He refuted statements made during the Ways and Means Committee budget deliberations. Chief Haigh presented a form (attached) which shows the full amount of salaries needed for Dispatch.
- Rick Roy, 208 Chapman Street, Recreation Chairperson, requested the Town Council approve the Mayor's proposed budget and not reduce the Recreation Department Salary line by \$3,000 which was the recommendation of Ways and Means Committee. He stated the Recreation Department obtained grants over \$800,000 in Fiscal Year 2016 alone.
- Barbara Zaccheo, 89 Crescent Street, urged the Town Council not to reduce the Recreation Departments salary and wages line item by the petty proposed \$3,000 as recommended by the Ways and Means Committee. She reviewed activities and improvements through town parks which benefited the whole community not just children.
- Christy Moore, Recreation Director, reviewed the timeline of purchasing the mobile stage including purchase, receipt, the training, and policy for the use of the stage. She noted the town had not had the stage for one (1) full year to date. Ms. Moore also discussed the use of the stage by the town and the savings by not utilizing rentals and not having DPW overtime for setup and takedown of rented stages.
- Dennis Helmus, Human Resource Director, spoke regarding the requirement by Mass General Law and Union contracts for employees to obtain Hoisting Licenses and the cost associated. He stated if the amount requested for these licenses were removed from the budget it would need to be found elsewhere in the budget.
- Elizabeth Braccia, Town Accountant, stated in relation to the Recreation Department, the town could not pay full time wages out of the revolving fund. She also spoke of the factors in creating Free Cash which could only be certified by the State Department of Revenue.
- Addrienne Nunez, 71 Conway Street, School Committee Member and Chairperson of the Budget Finance and Negotiation School Committee Subcommittee, stated the Ways and Means Committee proposed an \$18,000 reduction in the School budget, was to eliminate trash collection currently contracted for. If it was reduced, and the contract cancelled, the town could incur a fine which would exceed the proposed reduction.
- Susan Hollins, 11 Francis Street, School Committee Member and Chairperson of the Policy Subcommittee, stated the current system for trash pick-up was in place so that person picking up trash etc. were only on school grounds at times when students were not on the grounds for student safety.
- Mark Snow, Greenfield Building Inspector, stated he was not familiar with a State wide review of building inspectors office and comments made during the Ways and Means Committee meeting. He gave examples of, Massachusetts Building Inspectors, staff members which did not align with the Ways and Means Committee generalized comments. He urged the Town Council not to cut the salary for the part time inspector.
- Mayor Martin thanked the Town Council for their service and expressed pride in department heads and comments made by them tonight. He acknowledged that some of the discussion held at the Ways and

Means Committee meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016 was “heated” at times and that all votes taken that night were tied until the Chairperson voted.

- Donna Ducell, 20 River Street, noted the Recreation budget was level funded, however, with the increase of minimum wage; the budget was already less than level funded.

President Allis stated any additional comments could be submitted in writing to the Town Council office.

President Allis closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 pm.

In response to questions President Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee had held discussion with all Town department heads through the budget season and additional discussion would not be held this evening. The Town Council Annual Budget meeting would be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016, 6:00 pm at the Planning Office, 114 Main Street.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

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

A true copy,

Attest: _____

Deborah J. Tuttle, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15

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1. Sund, Verne	P					
2. Lobik, John	P					
3. Allis, Brickett	P					
4. Muzyka-Pyfrom, Wanda	P					
5. Wainstein, Robert	P					
6. Burge, Maria	P					
7. Childs, William	A					
8. Stempel, Ashley	P					
9. Leonovich, Daniel	P					
10. Mass, Isaac	P					
11. Renaud, Karen	P					
12. Ricketts, Penny	P					
13. Maloni, Mark	P					