

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
Organizational Meeting Minutes  
July 2, 2008

Greenfield Police Department Meeting Room

6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Maloney.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Anita Fritz, *the Recorder*; Dave Vallette, the *Republican*; and GCTV-15 staff.

Town Clerk Winseck administered the oath of office to Councilors Letourneau, Guin, Maloney, and LaPointe.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Farrell, second by Councilor Joseph, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, 8 ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS, TO ALLOW THE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

President Maloney relinquished the Chairmanship to Senior Council member Allis.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

Councilor Allis asked for nominations for the position of Town Council President.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Farrell, second by Councilor Joseph, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR MARK MALONEY AS TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Councilor Allis asked for further nominations for Town Council President.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Letourneau, second by Councilor Martin, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR ALFRED SIANO AS TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Councilor Siano made the following candidate statement:

- Greenfield seems to be moving forward; downtown has a lot more energy.
- He would get behind the Schools and encourage the Councilors to do the same.
- Smart Growth and Downtown Development was a strong way to build a thriving community.
- He would work with the Council for a balanced budget and keep the schools functioning.

Town Clerk Winseck administered the oath of office to Councilor Singer at 6:05 pm.

Councilor Maloney made the following candidate statement:

- Town of Greenfield was ending a very difficult year and was on the cusp of making some major strides forward.
- He would continue to face difficult issues with some departments.
- The Town Council should continue to move in a positive direction.

Councilor Farrell nominated Councilor Maloney because the role of the chairman of any committee was:

- To be the go to person.
- The ability to orderly and effectively move business through proper channels.
- The ability to expedite the meetings and keep order in those meetings.

Councilor Letourneau nominated Councilor Siano for many of the same reasons Councilor Farrell nominated Councilor Maloney. She noted:

- Councilor Siano kept a clear head.
- He would give access to the Council and allow the community to have a say in the meetings.
- It says a lot to the community to change leadership for voices to be heard.
- This nomination would signify change.

Councilor Allis asked for a vote for Candidate Maloney for the office of Town Council President.

It was by show of hands, majority (8 yes and 2 no),

**VOTED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR MARK MALONEY FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Councilor Allis asked for a vote for Candidate Siano for the office of Town Council President.

It was by show of hands, majority (2 yes and 8 abstain),

**DEFEATED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR ALFRED SIANO FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Councilor Allis relinquished the Chairmanship to President Maloney.

President Maloney asked for nominations for the position of Town Council Vice-President.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lashier, second by Councilor Farrell, it was,

**MOVED:** TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR WILLIAM MARTIN AS TOWN COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT.

President Maloney asked for further nominations for Town Council Vice-President. Seeing none, the nomination for Town Council Vice-President was closed.

It was by a unanimous show of hands,

**VOTED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR WILLIAM MARTIN FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT.

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

**MOVED:** TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR DENNIS LASHIER AS TOWN COUNCIL TREASURER.

President Maloney asked for further nominations for Town Council Treasurer. Seeing none, the nomination for Town Council Treasurer was closed.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR DENNIS LASHIER FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN COUNCIL TREASURER.

President Maloney stated the following:

- He reminded Councilor to forward the Committee information sheets to the Town Council office.
- Please let the office know if Councilors will be out of town and the dates.
- The Town Council has the opportunity to move the Town's and Council agenda forward.
- He complimented and welcomed all Councilors to this year's team.
- Fiscal Year 2009 was going to be a very difficult year for citizens and the town.
- Town Council regular meeting would be held on July 16, 2008, 7:00 pm, GCTV-15. This was the last day to conduct Fiscal Year 2008 budget.
- Two current items were 1.) Economic Development Committee – Expedited Permitting for Bendix/Repal Property and 2.) Economic Development Committee – discussion and Public Hearing regarding a Zoning Amendment for the definition of Day Care.

Councilor Siano requested President Maloney “mix things up” when making committee appointments.

President Maloney suggested combining the Appointments Committee and the Ordinance Committee. He noted this was an internal rule of the Town Council which would need to be amended. Councilor Lashier would vote in favor of this proposal.

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

**VOTED:** TO COMBINE THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE AND THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE TO THE APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

President Maloney stated the following:

- DOE has offered to assist the School Committee in the search for a School Superintendents and to create a workable plan for the opening of School in September.
- It was announced that a new Interim Superintendent was hired last week.
- Town Council request for Special Legislation regarding a Control Board was moving through the process.
- Another ad hoc committee may be created for town wide issues relative to energy.

Discussion was held regarding:

- Attendance of a representative of the School Administration, either the Superintendent or the Chairman of the School Committee to Town Council meetings.

- o According to management review, recommendations were for the School Committee to provide quarterly reports to the Town. If a representative could not attend a Town Council meeting, a copy of the report should be forwarded to the Town Council.
- o Councilors should be considering whether the Town Council should hire an Auditor and how to fund this. This would be addressed during the supplemental budget process.

Councilor Guin reported the new Interim Superintendent was unanimously recommended and voted by the search committee and School Committee. During the interview process, she noted having no objection to attending Town Council meetings.

President Maloney suggested an improvement in communications between the Town Council and School Administration would be a welcome change.

Councilor Joseph held a first reading: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS TOTALING \$320,000:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>To Account</u>
25,000	Health Insurance	Medicare Match
5,000	Health Insurance	Bonded Debt Principal
7,000	Health Insurance	Temporary Interest
75,000	Health Insurance	Veterans' Services
18,000	Health Insurance	Legal-Labor
20,000	Health Insurance	Town Hall Operations
145,000	Health Insurance	Reserve Fund
25,000	Parking Enforcement	Police

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor McLellan, second by Councilor Siano, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:45 P.M.

A true copy,

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

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15  
Organizational Meeting  
July 2, 2007

1.	Lashier, Dennis	P						
2.	McLellan, Thomas	Ex						
3.	Allis, Brickett	P						
4.	Maloney, Mark	P						
5.	Singer, David	P						
6.	Letourneau, Danielle	P						
7.	Martin, William	P						
8.	Joseph, Christopher	P						
9.	LaPointe, Andrew	P						
10.	Farrell, Timothy	P						
11.	Guin, Daniel	P						
12.	Siano, Alfred	P						
13.	Mason, John	P						

