

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2009

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Maloney.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Christine Forgey; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; School Superintendant Susan Hollins; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Town Councilor-Elect Tracey Sutphin; the *Union* Dave Vallette; GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Councilor Joseph read the following Public Hearing notice: In accordance with Home Rule Charter the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main Street to consider the following:

- ❖ AUTHORIZE THE REHABILITATION OF BEACON FIELD BY APPROPRIATION OR BORROWING SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PARKLAND ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION FOR COMMUNITIES (PARC) URBAN SELF-HELP GRANT PROGRAM, UP TO THE SUM OF \$375,000.00.

President Maloney opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 pm. He asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none, President Maloney closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 pm.

Councilor Joseph held the second reading: Authorize the Rehabilitation of Beacon Field by appropriation or borrowing subject to reimbursement from the Parkland Acquisition and Renovation for communities (PARC) Urban Self-Help Grant program, up to the sum of \$375,000.00.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**MAYOR:** Mayor Forgey congratulated Mayor-Elect William Martin and Mr. Al Siano. She thanked all the members of the Town Council, past and present.

Mayor Forgey submitted a Charter Change request to include the "Task Force Against Domestic Violence" as part of the Charter. President Maloney forwarded this request to the Appointment and Ordinance Committee for consideration.

President Maloney thanked Mayor Forgey for serving the Town of Greenfield for the past 6 years. Councilor Farrell thanked Mayor Forgey for doing a fantastic job.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Superintendent Hollins thanked Mayor Forgey. She reviewed the current status of the schools noting the schools were in solid shape administratively, programmatically, and administratively. Superintendent Hollins stated the Town Council funding for the High School elective courses made a lot of difference at the School. President Maloney requested an accounting for the supplemental budget funding.

**TOWN OFFICERS:** None.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Order no. FY 09 -110**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION: W. ERIC "RICK" ROY – THREE YEAR TERM -2012

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION: W. ERIC "RICK" ROY – THREE YEAR TERM -2012

**Order no. FY 09 -013**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS, BY THE MAYOR TO THE FOLLOWING BOARDS AND/OR COMMISSIONS LISTED.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS, BY THE MAYOR TO THE FOLLOWING BOARDS AND/OR COMMISSIONS FOR THE EXPRESSED TERM:

**REAPPOINTMENT**

Dee Letourneau	Conservation Commission	2-year term (2011)
Alex Haro	Conservation Commission	2-year term (2011)
Bob Martin	Agricultural Commission	3-year term (2012)
Edie Browning	Commission on Disability Access	3-year term (2012)
Timothy Mosher	Conservation Commission	3-year term (2012)
Tiffany Hilton	Greenfield Local Cultural Council	3-year term (2012)
Becky George	Greenfield Local Cultural Council	3-year term (2012)
Thomas Roulston	Greenfield Local Cultural Council	3-year term (2012)
Carolyn McLellan	Historical Commission	3-year term (2012)
Don Pearson	Historical Commission	3-year term (2012)
Janina Thayer	Board of Health	3-year term (2012)
Penny Ricketts	Human Rights Commission	3-year term (2012)
Phyllis Nahman	Greenfield Public Library Trustee	3-year term (2012)
Lindel Hart	Greenfield Public Library Trustee	3-year term (2012)
Margaret Merrigan	Greenfield Public Library Trustee	3-year term (2012)
William Allen	Board of License Commissioners	3-year term (2012)
Mark Zaccheo	Parking and Traffic Commission	3-year term (2012)
Mary Newton	Planning Board	3-year term (2012)
Clayton Sibley	Planning Board	3-year term (2012)
Robert Hawkins	Public Safety Commission	3-year term (2012)
Edward Hammond	Public Safety Commission	3-year term (2012)
Maria Burge	Youth Commission	3-year term (2012)
J. Todd Clark	Youth Commission	3-year term (2012)
Gretchen Emond	Youth Commission	3-year term (2012)
Rebecca Rasbury	Youth Commission	3-year term (2012)
Roy Cowdrey	Zoning Board of Appeals	3-year term (2012)
Susan Welenc	Zoning Board of Appeals	3-year term (2012)
Howard Barnard	Zoning Board of Appeals	3-year term (2012)

**Order no. FY 09 -107**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REHABILITATION OF BEACON FIELD BY APPROPRIATION OR BORROWING SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PARKLAND ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION FOR COMMUNITIES (PARC) GRANT PROGRAM (URBAN SELF-HELP GRANT).”

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

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REHABILITATION OF BEACON FIELD BY APPROPRIATION OR BORROWING SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE PARKLAND

**ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION FOR COMMUNITIES (PARC) GRANT PROGRAM (URBAN SELF-HELP GRANT)."**

Resolved, that the Town Council of the Town of Greenfield hereby votes to appropriate, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, to borrow up to the sum of \$375,000 for the purpose of making handicapped accessibility improvements to the grounds and buildings, replace existing playground equipment, and install security fencing at the Beacon Field and that the Town of Greenfield be authorized to file any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the PARC Grant Program and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Resolution, and the Town of Greenfield and the Recreation Department be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Greenfield to affect said rehabilitation.

**Order no. FY 09 -108**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED "A RESOLUTION, OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS TO DEDICATE BEACON FIELD RECREATION AREA PERMANENTLY FOR PARK, PLAYGROUND OR RECREATION PURPOSES."

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

He stated this was required to be eligible to receive the grant funds previously voted.

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED "A RESOLUTION, OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS TO DEDICATE BEACON FIELD RECREATION AREA PERMANENTLY FOR PARK, PLAYGROUND OR RECREATION PURPOSES."

**Whereas,** Beacon Field is a public open space and recreation area that is intensively used by families and people with disabilities; and

**Whereas,** the Town wishes to upgrade and maintain the existing playground facilities to meet the present and future needs of all Town residents; and

**Whereas,** the Town wishes to preserve this resource for recreational purposes in perpetuity; and

**Whereas,** the Town has the opportunity to make improvements to the site using state grant funds that require Beacon Field be permanently dedicated for park, playground or recreation purposes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to take such action as is required to comply with the requirement of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs "PARC" Grant Program that the Beacon Field become permanently dedicated for park, playground or recreation purposes.

**Order no. FY 09 -109**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED "A RESOLUTION, OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS TO FILE AND ACCEPT GRANTS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH AND FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS PARKLAND ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAM (PARC) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BEACON FIELD."

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

He stated this was required to apply for the grant funding.

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED “A RESOLUTION, OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS TO FILE AND ACCEPT GRANTS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH AND FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS PARKLAND ACQUISITION AND RENOVATION GRANT PROGRAM (PARC) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BEACON FIELD.”

**Whereas,** Beacon Field is a public open space and recreation area that is intensively used by families and people with disabilities; and

**Whereas,** the existing playground facilities are inadequate to meet the needs of families with children; and

**Whereas,** the Town’s ADA Transition Plan cites a number of improvements that could be made to the site to provide adequate and safe access to the amenities at this site; and

**Whereas,** the Town has the opportunity to make these improvements to the site using state grant funds; and

**Whereas,** renovations of this site will provide improved quality of life to residents of Greenfield and would provide improved public access to Beacon Field

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs “PARC” Grant Program for the purpose of making renovations to Beacon Field, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to take such other actions, including the execution of contracts, as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes and conditions of this grant, to be administered by the Department of Planning and Development and the Recreation Department.

**Order no. FY 09 -112**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR TEMPORARY INTEREST TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-752- 5925 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,700.00.

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

He noted this was for interest funds paid to citizens who had received abatements.

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR TEMPORARY INTEREST TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-752- 5925 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,700.00.

**Order no. FY 09 -113**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Joseph, second by Councilor Farrell, it was, Councilor Mason abstained

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE SKATEBOARD PARK TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-640-5270 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,400.00.

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

It was unanimously (Councilor Mason abstained),

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE SKATEBOARD PARK TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-640-5270 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,400.00.

**Order no. FY 09 -114**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR TOWN HALL OPERATIONS TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-192-5211 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00.

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

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR TOWN HALL OPERATIONS TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-192-5211 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00.

**Order no. FY 09 -115**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE YOUTH CENTER TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-542-5211 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,900.00.

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

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE YOUTH CENTER TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-542-5211 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,900.00.

**Order no. FY 09 -116**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE ASSESSORS PERMANENT WAGES FULL-TIME TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-141-5111 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,400.00.

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

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE ASSESSORS PERMANENT WAGES FULL-TIME TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-141-5111 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,400.00.

**Order no. FY 09 -117**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE ASSESSORS PROPERTY APPRAISAL TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-141-5312 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00.

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

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE ASSESSORS PROPERTY APPRAISAL TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-141-5312 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00.

**Order no. FY 09 -118**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-630-5111 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00.

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

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-630-5111 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00.

**Order no. FY 09 -119**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE LICENSE COMMISSION TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-165-5421 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00.

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

It was unanimously

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE LICENSE COMMISSION TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-165-5421 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE-** Chairman McLellan thanked the committee members for their work.

**EDUCATION TASK FORCE COMMITTEE-** Chairman Joseph stated the committee would meet on Tuesday, June 30, 2009.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilor Joseph held the first reading:

- Appropriate \$206,500 from Stabilization to the following accounts:
  - \$121,000 to Veterans’ Services
  - \$37,000 to Labor Attorney Special Litigation
  - \$48,500 to Unemployment Compensation
- Interdepartmental transfers:
  - \$25,000 from DPW Operating to Town Hall Ordinary Maintenance
  - \$3,310 from Employees Life Insurance to Mayor’s Salary and Wages
  - \$2,500 from Treasurer-Collector Ordinary Maintenance to Accountant
  - \$ 300 from Planning Department Ordinary Maintenance to Planning Board
  - \$1,000 from Planning Department Ordinary Maintenance to ZBA
  - \$6,500 from Worker’s Compensation to Council on Aging Salary and Wages

President Maloney stated he and councilor Allis attended a hearing in Boston on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 to give testimony regarding the Town Council request to the State Legislature for the creation of School Regional Transportation Districts.

President Maloney spoke regarding capital improvements to the Greenfield High School. He reviewed some estimates received for replacement windows, paving, alarm and fire suppression systems.

President Maloney specifically thanked Councilors Mason and Lashier for there service to the community. He also thanked all of the Town Councilors for their diligent work over the past two (2) years. He furthermore thanked Maureen Winseck, Town Clerk; Deborah Tuttle, Assistant Town Clerk; and Kathy Scott, Assistant to the Town Council Clerk. Councilor Lashier thanked the Town Council.

President Maloney acknowledged Town Councilor-Elect Tracy Sutphin was in attendance.

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Joseph, second by Councilor Siano, it was unanimously **VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:59 P.M.**

A true copy,

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

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15  
Regular Meeting  
June 24, 2009

1. Lashier, Dennis	P						
2. McLellan, Thomas	P						
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. Sullivan, Mary-Catherine	P						
10. Farrell, Timothy	P						
11. Guin, Daniel	Ab.						
12. Siano, Alfred	P						
13. Mason, John	P						