

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2009

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Fire Department Chief Michael Winn; Fire Department Deputy Chief Robert Strahan; Police Department Chief David Guilbault; Anita Fritz, *the Recorder*; GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Mayor Martin presented a monthly report to the Town Council and Residents which included:

- DPW has been keeping rainfall data since 1968; this was the wettest July (If you hadn't noticed) since records have been kept.
- New FD Field Communication Unit @ no cost (\$500,000 value)
- Developing Hand Sanitation Station Program
- Summer Camps All Inspected & Permitted by HD; no incidents or complaints to date.
- Library Director to serve on MA Board of Lib. Comm.
- Sheriff's Dept. installing rain garden at Library
- Commercial Activities no longer allowed on Library Main Floor (Downstairs still available for a fee)
- Over 400 kids in summer reading program
- Police Calls up 2% in 1st 6 mos. of 2009
- Officers Dodge, Payant & Rowell saved life of hanging 14year old child July 10th
- Calin Girgiu is now certified as an Animal Control & Officer Haskins is attending the Police Academy
- US Census & Redistricting through Town Clerk's Office
- Veterans Office is moving to paperless system
- Recycling has switched to by weekly pick up, except for targeted high density areas (i.e. Oak Courts)
- COA/Rec Dep. Camp & Spirit day Aug 12th
- COA/GCC nursing partnership/contract for FLU vac
- 85 Building permits issued 6/26-7/29 \$6.8M
- 26th Annual Greenfield Triathlon
- Youth Comm. has 75 bike helmets to distribute
- Youth Comm., awarded \$52,000 to hire 19 teens for summer jobs.
- Estimate for Elevator repair at Sanderson St. is \$45,000 less than previously thought
- Hosted Cabinet Meeting w/ Lt. Gov. 60+ attended
- 11 Appointments made to various Boards & Committee
- Preparing Training for All Boards & Commissions
- Golf w/ Mayor for Rotary Fundraiser
- Website Update in process, ETA 9/1/09
- Personnel Policy Review & Update Underway
- License Commission has no plans to move Farmer's Market
- No parking on Nash Mill Rd. will remain seasonal to accommodate recreational soccer.
- Promotional policy for Public Safety approved for enactment for Sept 1
- Executive Order calling for Town Hall hours to return to 8:30-5 PM, M-F
- Executive Order: Mayoral approval for expenditures in excess of \$1000
- Fire Dept Local 2548 contract agreement thru 2011. 2%, 0 %, 0%.
- Appointed Coordinator for fact-finding and opinions related to various topic of biomass project
- Outreach on Establishing an Education Foundation
- Review of K12 Virtual Learning Attendance Policy
- Officer Westerling will return as Student Resource Officer 2009-2010 School Year
- DPW will do extensive grounds work at Four Corners
- 10/1/08 1457 students // 7/30/09 1458 students
- Inventory analysis of Surplus Land
- DEP Grant Application
- Investigating Establishing Public Utility / testify 9 September
- Wendy's & Goodie's Restaurants Re-opened
- French King Law Suit Documents Prepared & Delivered (\$2600)
- FR Transit Center site plan approved / demolition 10 August
- Pioneer Renewable Energy Special Permit approved
- Three Units in Solar Village Released
- Grapevine Lease Review in process
- GRA P&S Review
- State Service For FC Tobacco Control Eliminated
- \$8,000 Deficit in dispatch filled from Police Budget
- July expenditures for Vets. \$35,000
- FY 08 Audit reports complete
- \$24,555 Reserve Fund/ \$1,038,488 Stabilization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: None.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 10 -012

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Maloney, second by Councilor Singer, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE MOTION TO APPROPRIATE \$206,500.00 FROM STABILIZATION Tabled AT THE JULY 15, 2009 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE.

Original Motion from July 15, 2009 Town Council Meeting

THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL 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

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to the Town Council.

It was unanimously

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL 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

Order no. FY 09 -001

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

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

President Farrell asked if anyone from the public wished to speak regarding the Local Options Meals or Hotel tax. Jason M. Reed, General Manager of the 99 Restaurant - spoke in opposition of the meals tax.

Order no. FY 10 - 007

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD, KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, ACCEPT G.L. c. 64L, § 2(A) TO IMPOSE A LOCAL MEALS EXCISE.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation on an amended motion to approve a meals tax for the Town. He reviewed the discussion and deliberation held at the Ways and Means Committee meeting. The amendment included the following to be added to the current language: "DIRECT FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE MEALS EXCISE TAX TO RESTORE SPECIFIC SERVICES WHICH WERE CUT FROM THE TOWN IN THE GOVERNOR'S 9C CUTS." Councilor Maloney stated the committee met with local restaurant owners/managers on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 to discuss the proposal. The owners/managers who attended were not in favor of the proposed tax. Councilor Joseph stated if this was not approved this evening, the Town would lose the first quarter funding which equated to approximately \$25,000.00. Lengthy discussion was held including the perception of the citizens if another tax was instituted. Councilor Maloney stated Councilor Wood was at last week's Ways and Means Committee meeting and opposed the a local options tax.

Councilors Maloney, Joseph, Sullivan, and Sutphin would vote in favor of the amended motion. President Farrell, Councilors Singer, Siano, Letourneau, and Canteen would not vote in favor of the amended motion. Councilor Allis stated he would be in favor of tabling the issue or would not vote in favor of the amended motion.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Joseph, second by Councilor Maloney, it was,
MOVED: TO AMEND THE MOTION BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST THAT THE MAYOR DIRECT ALL FUNDS GENERATED TO RESTORATION OF CUTS FROM THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

President Farrell stated a vote on the amendment would be taken.

It was by majority (4 no),

DEFEATED: TO AMEND THE MOTION BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL REQUEST THAT THE MAYOR DIRECT ALL FUNDS GENERATED TO RESTORATION OF CUTS FROM THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

President Farrell stated a vote would be taken on the main motion.

It was majority,

DEFEATED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD, KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, ACCEPT G.L. c. 64L, § 2(A) TO IMPOSE A LOCAL MEALS EXCISE.

Order no. FY 10 - 008

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Maloney, second by Councilor Letourneau, it was,
MOVED: THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD, KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, AMEND ITS LOCAL ROOM OCCUPANCY EXCISE UNDER G.L. c. 64G, § 3A TO THE RATE OF SIX PERCENT.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. Councilors Letourneau, Allis, Singer, Siano, and Joseph would vote in favor of this order. President Farrell was philosophically against this order. Councilor Joseph urged Councilors to contact the Mayor and request he funnel this income to 9C cuts if this order passes.

It was unanimously

VOTED: THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD, KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD, AMEND ITS LOCAL ROOM OCCUPANCY EXCISE UNDER G.L. c. 64G, § 3A TO THE RATE OF SIX PERCENT.

Councilor Maloney stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded positive recommendations regarding all of tonight's Reserve Fund Transfers.

Order no. FY 10 -014

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Maloney, second by Councilor Letourneau, it was, unanimously
VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-192-5241 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,825.00.

Order no. FY 10 -015

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Maloney, second by Councilor Letourneau, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR BONDED DEBT INTEREST TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-751-0000-0000-000-0-0000-00-00 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700.00.

Order no. FY 10 -016

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Maloney, second by Councilor Joseph, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE GREENFIELD LIBRARY TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-610-5111 SALARY AND WAGES AND 0100-610-5211 ELECTRICITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,704.00.

Order no. FY 10 -017

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Maloney, second by Councilor Letourneau, it was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE GREENFIELD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MIS) TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBERS 0100-155-5254 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200.00.

Councilor Singer stated the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for all appointments to be considered this evening.

Order no. FY 10 -009

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Singer, second by Councilor Maloney, it was unanimously (one abstention),
VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 THE TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPTS OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR TO THE FOLLOWING BOARDS AND/OR COMMISSIONS FOR THE EXPRESSED TERM:

APPOINTMENTS	BOARD/COMMISSION	TERM
Heather Newell	Commission on Disability Access	3-year term (June 2012)
Lawrence Petrin	Commission on Disability Access	3-year term (June 2012)
Randall Hansis	Historical Commission	2-year term (June 2011)
Tammy Mosher	Board of Registrars	3-year term (June 2012)
Matthew Sheridan	Housing Authority	5-year term (June 2014)
Wendy Mardsen	Redevelopment Authority	3-year term (June 2012)
Jean Wall	Redevelopment Authority	3-year term (June 2012)
Jean Wall	Planning and Construction Committee	3-year term (June 2012)
Richard Gordon	Cable Advisory Board – Alternate	2-year term (June 2011)
Mary Siano	Human Rights Commission	3-year term (June 2012)

Order no. FY 10 -011

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Singer, second by Councilor Sutphin, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE PLANNING BOARD: JOSHUA PARKER –PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE – JUNE 2010.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE – Chairman Maloney noted State Revenue continued to be well below last year's rate.

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- Chairman Singer stated the committee had met on Monday, August 10, 2009 and reviewed the appointments considered this evening.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE- Chairman Letourneau reported the Community Relations Committee met on Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Agenda items included: amend the Town Council Rules of Procedure to include language to combine the Community Relations Committee and the Education Task Force; received an update from the School Superintendent on the beginning of School; the High School entrance was receiving a new look; Highland Pond area and the cost of rehabilitating the area for skating.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Order no. FY 10 -018

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Singer, second by Councilor Allis, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATES AND FORWARDS THE ATTACHED "EXHIBIT A" "RECOMMENDED CHAPTER 43D ZONING AMENDMENTS" TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND PLANNING BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5.

President Farrell approved a request by Councilor Sutphin to forward the "Municipal Naming Ordinance" to the appropriate subcommittee for consideration:

Municipal Naming Ordinance Draft

Section 1. Purpose

The Committee shall ensure appropriate and unique names for municipal facilities including but not limited to streets, parks, roadways, bridges, buildings, and neighborhoods. Names shall be chosen in order to promote public safety through clear unambiguous identification, to honor Greenfield's unique history or an individual citizen's service or financial contribution to Greenfield and to foster economic development and tourism.

Section 2. Nominations

- A.** Any member of the public may make a nomination in writing to the Planning & Construction Committee with their rationale and a description of how the new name or name change will meet any or all of the purposes of this policy. The nomination must be submitted with the signatures of 25 supporting residents, or in the case a roadway naming a majority of property owners abutting the roadway, which ever is less.
- B.** Any member of the Town Council may make a nomination in writing to the Planning & Construction Committee with their rationale and a description of how the new name or name change will meet any or all of the purposes of this policy.

Section 3. Review Process

- A.** Upon receiving a nomination within 14 days the Planning & Construction Committee will forward the nomination for comments to the DPW, Planning Department, Police Department, Fire Department, local Ambulance Service, The Town Council, Public Safety Commission, Historic Commission and all departments which chiefly operate in or are charged with maintenance of the facility to be named.
- B.** The Planning & Construction Committee will hold a public hearing on the nomination within 60 days of the nomination in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws.
- C.** Within 90 days of nomination, the Planning & Construction Committee will make a recommendation to the Mayor to approve the nominated name; to approve an alternative name or to take no action.
- D.** Within 60 days of the receipt, the Mayor will approve or reject the recommendation of the Planning & Construction Committee.

Section 4. Exceptions

- A.** Proposals for new public ways within subdivisions or new developments shall be exempt from review by the Planning & Construction Committee. They shall remain subject to any conditions established by the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals in each board's normal approval process.
- B.** Municipal naming for the sole purpose of public identification (i.e. the Greenfield Transfer Station) requires no nomination when used at the inception of the facility.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

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

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:11 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15

Regular Meeting

August 12, 2009

1. Wood, Peter	A						
2. McLellan, Thomas	A						
3. Allis, Brickett	P						
4. Maloney, Mark	P						
5. Singer, David	P						
6. Letourneau, Danielle	P						
7. Canteen, Jeanne	P						
8. Joseph, Christopher	P						
9. Sullivan, Mary-Catherine	P						
10. Farrell, Timothy	P						
11. Guin, Daniel	A						
12. Sutphin, Tracey	P						
13. Mason, John	P						