

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice-President Allis.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. President Farrell, Councilors Maloney, Singer, and Canteen were absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; School Superintendent Susan Hollins; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development and Marketing Robert Pyers; GCTV-15 staff; WHAI/WPVQ; and members of the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor McLellan, second by Councilor Guin, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 6 & 15, 2009 AND AUGUST 12, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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

- ☒ Official town website, www.greenfield-ma.gov has been launched.
- ☒ No social security increases for 2010, no increase in Veterans Ch.115 budgets.
- ☒ State Auditor Joseph DeNucci has declared the special elections slated for Dec. 8 and Jan 19 are unfunded state mandates and shall be paid for by the State.
- ☒ Attention is focused on illegal behavior at the Veteran's Mall and surrounding area by law and code enforcement personnel.
- ☒ Friends of the Library have been chosen as the beneficiary of the scheduled September 19 Ryan & Casey "Brewfest".
- ☒ Multiple departments have responded to requests for information related to Biomass litigation.
- ☒ CH. 90 paving continues throughout town, approx. \$390,000.
- ☒ About \$ 50,000 saved with the recycling schedule change as a result of the 9C State cuts. A review and analysis after 1 year to determine the actuals.
- ☒ Board of Health is the lead department for H1 N1 communication and planning. Coordination is ongoing with other town departments (School, Fire, Police, Water) and state DPH. H1 N1 vaccine is expected to be available in October.
- ☒ Of the 9 employee representative unions, the Fire dept local #2548 is signed thru 2011 and Teamsters DPW thru 2010; unsigned with memorandums of agreement (MOA) thru 2010 include Police Unit A, B, Dispatchers and SSEA; UE 274 clerical has an unfunded, signed MOA with litigation thru 2010; and the GEA has a signed contract, unfunded thru 2010 with litigation. Plan to meet with all representatives by 30 September.
- ☒ North American Local #596 has agreed to provide painters and carpenters to "spruce up" the Town Hall after agreement from the Teamsters Local #404. The town will supply materials and resident Mark Zaccheo volunteered his mechanical lift for the worker volunteers.
- ☒ Legal representation for the Town related to the Biomass project appeal and process is approaching \$15 thousand
- ☒ Funding paths for initiatives including a parking garage, municipal building, fairgrounds, roundhouse and GHS renovations have been identified
- ☒ Assorted Town teams have participated in meetings with USDA, Rural development, Commissioner of Education, WMECO and state Reps and Senators
- ☒ Project proposal meetings have taken place with Jordi Herold of Spike Segundo LLC, Matt Wolfe of PRE, LLC, Larry Union of Northeast Biodeisel, and Ken Cartelli of Cerruzzi Holdings.
- ☒ Youth services "sticker Shock" campaign to encourage adults not to buy alcohol for minors.
- ☒ Influenza and H1 N1 guidelines have been issued for schools related to planning, prevention and closings.
- ☒ Town departments, notably the DPW, assisted the School department with preparations for first day.
- ☒ August permits submitted = 73 estimated at \$653,249. and fees collected of \$ 9,319.
- ☒ CDBG grant of \$750,000 has been approved and preparations for implementation are ongoing.
- ☒ 2011 Budget schedule is released.
- ☒ End of year (09) losses reflect \$1.408 million in revenues.
- ☒ Expectations for 2010 include another 9C state decrease and reduced local revenues.

Ms. Kelly discussed town debt, income, bonding and general finances of the town. She stated there would be a meeting during the week of October 5th geared toward new Councilors regarding the financial aspects of Municipal Finance. Ms. Kelly informed the Council that the Fiscal Year 2010 Supplemental budget would be forwarded to the Town Council during the week of October 16, 2009.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Superintendent Dr. Hollins reviewed the Fiscal Year 2010 opening of Schools. She talked about grants; enrollment which was slightly higher than last year; music program; 8th grade transition to the High School; reopening of Four Corner School; High School elective programs; and elementary after school programs.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 10 -021

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE INTERAGENCY PERMITTING BOARD FOR THE DESIGNATION OF LAND AT 180 LAUREL STREET, TAX MAP R41, LOT 2 AS A PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT SITE, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION IN RELATION THERETO.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Guin stated the EDC forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to the Town Council for approval.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 10 -021

Order no. FY 10 -010

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD HEREBY PETITIONS THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO PASS SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR ASIAN BUFFET OF GREENFIELD INC., LOCATED AT 254 MOHAWK TRAIL IN GREENFIELD: NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SEVENTEEN (17) OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138) OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD MAY ISSUE TO ASIAN BUFFET OF GREENFIELD INC., A LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISE UNDER THE PROVISION OF SECTION TWELVE (12) OF SAID CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138). THE LICENSE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF SAID CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138) EXCEPT FOR SAID SECTION SEVENTEEN (17). THE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE LICENSE TO ANY OTHER PERSON, ORGANIZATION, CORPORATION, OR LOCATION.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Guin stated the EDC forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to the Town Council for approval of the liquor license request for Asian Buffett of Greenfield Inc. He noted the Board of License Commissioner and the Mayor forwarded positive recommendations for Town Council approval.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 10 -010.

Order no. FY 10 -019

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor McLellan, it was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD HEREBY PETITIONS THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO PASS SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR SPIKE SEGUNDO LLC., LOCATED AT 19-23BANK ROW IN GREENFIELD: NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SEVENTEEN (17) OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138) OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THE

LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD MAY ISSUE TO SPIKE SEGUNDO LLC., A LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISE UNDER THE PROVISION OF SECTION TWELVE (12) OF SAID CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138). THE LICENSE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF SAID CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138) EXCEPT FOR SAID SECTION SEVENTEEN (17). THE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE LICENSE TO ANY OTHER PERSON, ORGANIZATION, CORPORATION, OR LOCATION.

Order no. FY 10 -020

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor McLellan, it was unanimously,
VOTED: THAT THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD HEREBY PETITIONS THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO PASS SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AS OWNERS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, LOCATED AT 9-11 BANK ROW IN GREENFIELD: NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SEVENTEEN (17) OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138) OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD MAY ISSUE TO FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, A LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISE UNDER THE PROVISION OF SECTION TWELVE (12) OF SAID CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138). THE LICENSE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF SAID CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT (138) EXCEPT FOR SAID SECTION SEVENTEEN (17). THE LICENSING AUTHORITY MAY APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE LICENSE TO ANY OTHER PERSON, ORGANIZATION, CORPORATION, OR LOCATION.

Order no. FY 10 -025

MOTION: On a motion by Guin, second by Councilor McLellan, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR TO THE FOLLOWING BOARDS AND/OR COMMISSIONS FOR THE EXPRESSED TERM:

APPOINTMENTS	BOARD/COMMISSION	TERM
Richard Starkey	Conservation Commission	1-year term (June 2010)
Angelo Thomas	Recreation Commission - Alternate	3-year term (June 2012)
Drew Hutchinson	Cultural Council	2-year term (June 2011)

DISCUSSION: Vice-President Allis stated the Appointments and Ordinance Committee did not have a meeting due to the lack of a quorum, therefore there is no recommendation. Councilors Guin and McLellan spoke in favor of the appointees.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 10-025.

Order no. FY 10 -022

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Letourneau, second by Councilor Guin, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL DELETE THE CURRENT TOWN COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE § 1261-9. RULE 9, COMMITTEES. B. COMPOSITION – CHARGE (4) COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND REPLACE IT WITH THE FOLLOWING:

(4) COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO ACT AS LIAISONS BETWEEN TOWN DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS WITH A FOCUS ON QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES IN GREENFIELD. THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A REGULAR VENUE DURING MEETINGS FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ON CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS WITHIN THE SCHOOLS. THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE SHALL HOLD ALL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABOVE MATTERS UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Letourneau reviewed the discussion held by the Community Relations Committee regarding the amendment to the Town Council Rules of Procedure merging the Community Relations Committee and Education Task Force.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 10-022.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairman Guin stated the committee would hold two Public Hearing in October regarding the amendments to Chapter 43C and additional Zoning Amendments

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE- Chairwoman Letourneau stated there would be a committee meeting in October. The agenda had not been set to date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Order no. FY 10 -023

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATES AND FORWARDS A REQUEST FOR A ZONING AMENDMENT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND PLANNING BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5.

FIRST READING: Councilor Joseph held the first reading: Appropriate \$935.00 from Griswold Conservation Area Reserve for Appropriation Fund for maintenance work at the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Joseph, second by Councilor Sutphin, it was unanimously

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:17 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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