

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2010

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; School Superintendent Dr. Susan Hollins; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Department of Public Works Superintendant Sandra Shields; Fire Chief Michael Winn; Deputy Fire Chief Robert Strahan; GCTV-15 staff; *the Recorder* Anita Phillips; and members of the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Farrell, second by Councilor Allis, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: None.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Hollins noted the Schools were preparing for spring MCAS testing. She responded to questions relative to the "Extended Learning Time" grant. The School Committee Chairperson and Dr. Hollins submitted grant paperwork for the "Race to the Top Grant" for which she was unsure whether Greenfield would qualify. Councilor Guin expresses favorable comments on the reuse of the mobile units at the High School.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 10 -044

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT ORDER NO. FY 10 -044 TABLED AT THE DECEMBER 16, 2009 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING BE REMOVED FROM THE TABLE: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AMENDS THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD BY ADDING ARTICLE XII, MAYOR'S TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AS ATTACHED HERETO AND FURTHER AMENDS THE TABLE OF CONTENTS AND INDEX OF THE CODE.

Adopted to the Code of the Town of Greenfield-Town Council vote - -----

ARTICLE XII

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

§ 34-39. Mayor's Task Force Against Domestic Violence.

- A. There shall be a Mayor's Task Force Against Domestic Violence consisting of not less than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) members, appointed by the Mayor, with review by Town Council as provided in section 2-10 of the Charter.
- B. There shall be staggered terms of three (3) years, one (1) of whom shall be the Mayor, one (1) of whom shall be a Town Councilor, and one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Greenfield Police Department.
- C. Two or more members must reside in Greenfield.
- D. The Mayor's Task Force on Domestic Violence shall act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor, to inform public policy.

Order no. FY 10 -044 A

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

MOVED: TO AMEND THE MOTION BY DELETING THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND REPLACE WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

Adopted to the Code of the Town of Greenfield-Town Council vote - -----

ARTICLE XII

MAYOR'S TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

§ 34-39. Mayor's Task Force Against Domestic Violence.

- A. There shall be a Mayor's Task Force Against Domestic Violence consisting of (11) members; seven members to be appointed by the Mayor, with review by Town Council as provided in section 2-10 of the Charter, and four to be appointed as provided in Sub-Section B below.
- B. The seven committee members appointed by the Mayor shall serve for terms of three (3) years each so arranged that the term of at least 2 members shall expire each year. In making appointments to the committee, the Mayor shall seek persons having experience in the fields of youth services, woman's and men's advocacy groups, mental health providers, probation officers in the District or Superior Court system, and medical persons on the staff at the Franklin Medical Center. The other four members of the committee shall be (i) a police officer designated annually by the Chief of Police of Greenfield, (ii) a representative of the Franklin County District Attorneys Office designated annually by the District Attorney, (iii) the Mayor, or the Mayor's designee appointed annually, and (iv) a Town Councilor designated annually by the President of the Town Council. The committee shall appoint its own chair by majority vote of the members at a meeting duly called for such purpose.
- C. Six (6) or more members must reside in Greenfield. The committee shall meet at least twice annually, and provide its members with notice of meetings at least 15 days in advance.
- D. The Mayor's Task Force on Domestic Violence shall act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor with regard to forming public policy on Domestic Violence.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Singer stated the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded a positive unanimous recommendation to the Town Council for approval. President Farrell approved the following friendly amendments in section B "Franklin Medical Center" to "**Baystate** Franklin Medical Center" and in section D. "The Mayor's Task Force on Domestic Violence" to "The Mayor's Task Force **Against** Domestic Violence".

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 10 -044 A AS AMENDED.

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- H. The Mayor's Task Force **Against** Domestic Violence shall act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor with regard to forming public policy on Domestic Violence.

Betty Getty thanked the Town Council for approving this ordinance.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS Mrs. Winseck read a certification of signatures to the Town Council regarding the Citizens Referendum Petitions filed with the Clerks office on December 15, 2009 protesting and seeking rescission of town Council votes of December 9, 2009 relating to the proposed Biomass plant. President Farrell stated the Town Council would consider these issues during the February 17, 2010 Town Council meeting. He noted unless the Town Council rescinds the votes, the citizens would vote on this issue during the June 2010 town elections.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Chairman Letourneau reviewed the January 12, 2010 discussion held with a representative of the Federal Census regarding outreach and how the committee could help for the census. It was also noted workers were needed to assist in the census taking. Ms. Winseck stated the Town's census forms would be sent out in two weeks.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairman Guin noted the committee would meet on Thursday, January 28, 2010. A Public Hearing would be held relating to the Green Communities Zoning amendment request.

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- Chairman Singer stated the committee would divide all current ordinances for review as required by charter. Also being considered was a new “Naming Ordinance” for which he would attend and discuss with the School Committee. President Farrell stated any new ordinance should be brought forth with the final review of current ordinances.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE – Chairman Maloney announced the committee would bring forth a recommendation on the Local Options Meals Tax in February. He noted the Mayor had begun the Fiscal Year 2011 budget process with departments. Councilor Maloney reviewed the grim Fiscal Year 2011 State and Federal budget aspects of the Town budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: As required by M.G.L.c. 7 § 40I, President Farrell announced the intent of the Department of Agriculture Resources to purchase, rent, sell or significantly change the use of one or more acres of real estate in Greenfield. The land was on Leyden Road & Glenbrook Drive, Assessors Map R31, Lot 1 & 5. Because this was land owned by the Town, the Town Council would be voting on this as Sale of Town Owned Land. The Economic Development Committee would consider this issue.

Councilor Maloney held the first reading:

- Appropriate \$225,000 for a feasibility study relating to the renovation of the Greenfield High School located at 1 Lenox Avenue, Greenfield.
- Appropriate \$592,000 from Free Cash to the Greenfield Public School Department for Out of District Tuitions.
- Appropriate \$506,500 from Free Cash to Stabilization.
- Appropriate \$48,000 to repair the roof on the Greenfield Police Station.

Councilor Siano recognized the passing of Coach Stan Benjamin. Coach Benjamin spent many years influencing young sports talent.

President Farrell announced paperwork was now available at the Town Clerks office for people wishing to run for local offices. The following seats were available: Town Council Precincts 7, 8, 9 and two At Large Town Council seats and two (2) three year and one (1) two year School Committee seat.

President Farrell congratulated Fire Department Chief Michael Winn on his appointment.

President Farrell announced Councilors Singer, Allis and McLellan had volunteered to be members of the Charter Review Commission as required by Charter section 8-10. He noted the Mayor would appoint an additional 4 members of the Commission.

President Farrell stated the Massachusetts Municipal Association conference would be held this weekend.

Councilor Maloney stated the Franklin County Technical School Committee was investigating the possibility of reconfiguring the Agricultural Shop to a Forestry Shop. The results would be forthcoming.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: None.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Maloney, second by Councilor Allis, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:49 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____

Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15

Regular Meeting

July 15, 2009

1. Wood, Peter	Ex.							
2. McLellan, Thomas	P							
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	P							
12. Siano, Alfred	P							
13. Sutphin, Tracey	P							