

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2010

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Farrell.

President Farrell stated this meeting was being recorded. If any other person present was doing the same, they must notify the chairperson at this time. It was noted the Town Council was audio recording and GCTV-15 was video recording the meeting.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. All Councilors were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; GCTV-15 staff; WHAI/WPVQ; 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 JUNE 9 AND 16, 2010 AND JULY 7, 2010.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: President Farrell opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 pm. Councilor Maloney read the Public Hearing notice: In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing Wednesday, July 21, 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main Street to consider the following:

- ✧ Appropriate \$425,000 to purchase and install parking collection equipment.
- ✧ Transfer \$130,000 from the Worker's Compensation Line Item to Veterans' Ordinary Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2010.

Copies of the proposals are available for review in the Greenfield Town Clerk's Office, 14 Court Square, Greenfield, MA, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

President Farrell asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Councilor Maloney held the second reading:

- ✧ Appropriate \$425,000 to purchase and install parking collection equipment.
- ✧ Transfer \$130,000 from the Worker's Compensation Line Item to Veteran's Ordinary Maintenance for Fiscal Year 2010.
- ✧

Thomas Tolg, 12 Walnut Street, expressed concerns that the new parking collection system would further urge people to shop at big box stores which have free parking.

President Farrell closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 pm.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Mayor Martin recognized and thanked Roy Cowdrey for the dedication and time over the past 30 years which he has given to the Town of Greenfield and its citizens. Councilor McLellan also spoke of Mr. Cowdrey's dedication noting he was a "rebel with a cause." President Farrell had learned a lot from Roy as well as others. He had an interesting way of getting his position across. Councilor Maloney echoed all of the sentiments expressed. He acknowledged Mr. Cowdrey's focus on clarity of all issues. Councilor Guin noted that over the years, Mr. Cowdrey had been a mentor and was always available to discuss issues with.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: None.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 11-003

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL THE TOWN COUNCIL RESCINDS A PORTION OF ORDER NUMBER 10-084 FINANCIAL ORDER FY11-10 AS FOLLOWS:

THE SUM OF \$425,000 BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES AND AMOUNTS:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
UPGRADE TOWN PARKING LOTS	425,000

TOTALS

\$425,000

AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID SUM OF \$425,000, PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7 (6) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING STATUTE, AND THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR, CONTRACT FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT TO BE USED TO REDUCE THE WITHIN APPROPRIATION, AND FURTHER, THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THESE PROJECTS, AS VOTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL ON JUNE 16, 2010.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated this was being rescinded due to an incorrect reference to M.G.L.c.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11 -003

Order no. FY 11 -002

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF \$425,000 BE APPROPRIATED TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL PARKING COLLECTION EQUIPMENT AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID SUM OF \$425,000, PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7 (9) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING STATUTE, AND THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR, CONTRACT FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT TO BE USED TO REDUCE THE WITHIN APPROPRIATION, AND FURTHER, THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THESE PROJECTS.

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

VOTED: TO REMOVE THE SECOND "AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR" IN THE MOTION.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated this required a two-thirds vote. It also referenced the correct M.G.L.c. section.

It was unanimously

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF \$425,000 BE APPROPRIATED TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL PARKING COLLECTION EQUIPMENT AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID SUM OF \$425,000, PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7 (9) OR ANY OTHER ENABLING STATUTE, AND THE MAYOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR, AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR, CONTRACT FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND ANY FEDERAL AND/OR STATE GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT TO BE USED TO REDUCE THE WITHIN APPROPRIATION, AND FURTHER, THE MAYOR IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THESE PROJECTS.

Councilor Maloney stated the following Reserve Fund Transfer orders were to close out the Fiscal Year 2010 Operating Budget. Councilor Maloney stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded unanimous positive recommendations for approval.

Order no. FY 11-001

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE SUM OF \$130,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION LINE ITEM TO VETERAN'S ORDINARY MAINTENANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.

Order no. FY 11 -004

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS FOR "EXPIRED BAN PAY DOWNS" AS LISTED TOTALING \$19,000.00 INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100.710.5900.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney clarified the original motion in the packet had been changed. Through discussion at the Ways and Means Committee it was noted that \$1,000.00 of the original request would be paid for through another source and no longer required.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11 -004.

Order no. FY 11 -005

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS-FUEL ALLOWANCE TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100.543.5772 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000.00.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated the vote earlier from Workers Compensation to Veterans was not enough to fill the amount needed. Therefore, this reserve fund request was being made to balance the Veterans' Fuel allowance line item.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11 -005.

Order no. FY 11 -006

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100.151.5302 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,500.00.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated the original amount budgeted was insufficient to cover the fees associated with the Town Attorney. Some of the costs were attributed to the developments occurring within the Town of Greenfield. In addition, labor contracts deliberated by the Labor Attorney, were also reviewed by the Town Attorney.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11 -006.

Order no. FY 11 -007

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE LABOR ATTORNEY TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100.150.5302 LABOR ATTORNEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,900.00.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated all contracts have been settled or were in advanced stages of Memorandum of Understanding.

It was unanimously

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11 -007.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES – President Farrell stated committee Chairmen would be contacting committee members for upcoming meeting dates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Maloney held a first reading:

That the Town of Greenfield appropriates the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000) for a feasibility study relating to the renovation of the Greenfield High School located at 1 Lenox Avenue, Greenfield, Massachusetts, said sum to be added to the Two-hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) appropriated at the

February 17, 2010 Council Meeting for the same purpose, and said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the Town of Greenfield recognizes that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town of Greenfield incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Greenfield, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Greenfield and the MSBA.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Maloney, second by Councilor Sutphin, it was unanimously,
VOTED: TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD SUPPORT THE REPORT OF THE DECLARATION COMMITTEE TO THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AND VOTED ON BY THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AS VOTED JULY 2, 1776 THROUGH JULY 4, 1776.

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 7:40 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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July 15, 2009

1. Wood, Peter	P						
2. McLellan, Thomas	P						
3. Allis, Brickett	P						
4. Maloney, Mark	P						
5. Singer, David	P						
6. Letourneau, Danielle	P						
7. Sluter, Shenandoah	P						
8. Vicencio-Rasku, Iris	P						
9. Norman Hirschfeld	P						
10. Farrell, Timothy	P						
11. Guin, Daniel	P						
12. Devlin, Patrick	P						
13. Sutphin, Tracey	P						