

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2011

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 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 for future broadcast.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development and Marketing Robert Pyers; Police Chief David Guilbault; Police Captain John Newton; Police Lieutenant Joseph Burge; Fire Chief Michael Winn; Department of Public Works Superintendent Sandra Shields; Director of Human Resources Dennis Helmus; Public Safety Chairman Robert Hawkins; School Department Superintendent Dr. Susan Hollins; School Business Manager Elizabeth Gilman; Candidate for Town Council at Large Cameron Ward; GCTV-15 staff; Anita Phillips, *the Recorder*, 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 MARCH 16, 24, AND 30, 2011.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Mayor Martin presented the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget to the Town Council (see attached.) He read the attached memorandum regarding the FY 2012 Operating Budget. President Farrell reviewed the Town Council budget process. Councilor Maloney stated a notice would be sent out with a Ways and Means Committee meeting schedule.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Hollins introduced School Business Manager Elizabeth Gilman. Dr. Hollins discussed the following:

- o The reputation of the Greenfield Schools.
- o There was an extensive article in the *American Airlines Magazine* on the Greenfield Virtual School.
- o Enrollment numbers.
- o State Aid.
- o School renovations.
- o Stability was the goal for the Greenfield School System.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 11 -078

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION: JILL FITZSIMMONS – REGULAR MEMBER - ONE YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 2012.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Allis stated the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11-078.

Order no. FY 11 -079

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 PERMANENT FULL TIME WAGES, POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100-210-5111 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,688.00.

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

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11 -079.

Order no. FY 11-080

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREENFIELD BEING THE COUNTY SEAT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY AS PROVIDED IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 44, §53A; AND THAT ANY AMOUNTS SO RECEIVED SHALL BE DEPOSITED WITH THE TREASURER AND HELD AS A SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND MAY BE EXPENDED AS AFORESAID WITHOUT FURTHER APPROPRIATION.

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

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11 -080.

Order no. FY 11-081

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ACCEPT M.G.L. c. 32B, § 20 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE TOWN TO ESTABLISH AN OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY TRUST FUND TO REDUCE THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF HEALTH CARE AND OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO MEET THE NORMAL COST OF ALL SUCH FUTURE BENEFITS FOR WHICH THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD IS OBLIGATED, AND RAISE AND APPROPRIATE A SUM OF MONEY FOR DEPOSIT IN SAID TRUST FUND, OR TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION THEREON OR RELATIVE THERETO.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Maloney stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. This fund would be used for post employment benefits for retirees. The State would eventually require all municipalities to have such an account. Councilor Maloney also noted Bond Counsel strongly recommended the town accept the statute. If the Town Council agreed to this, there would be a line item included in the yearly budget for funding.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE MOTION ORDER NO. FY 11 -081.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES None.

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- Chairman Allis noted the committee continued to review the General Ordinances.

Chairman Allis stated the Charter Review Committee intended to present some possible Charter Amendments to the Town Council for consideration in June, 2011. President Farrell noted after the Town Council and Mayor approved the Charter Amendments, they needed would need final approval by the State to become official. If the State believed the amendments were substantial changes, the citizens would have to vote on the amendment. Councilor Allis stated the proposed changes to the Election section would be forwarded to the Town Council as a substantive change to the Charter. He announced there would be Public Hearing in May.

President Farrell discussed an Ordinance being considered by the Appointments and Ordinance Committee regarding the serving of Liquor.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE – Chairman Maloney stated Fiscal Year 2012 budget meeting discussions would be scheduled. All Councilors were invited to attend.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Chairman Letourneau reported the committee had met with Nancy Hazard and reviewed the Greenfield Energy Use Report Card. She reminded the public this was a good meeting to attend to discuss issues and concerns.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – President Farrell announced a Public Hearing would be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 regarding the acceptance of Solar Way as a Public Way.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Maloney held first readings: Let this serve as a first reading for the final phase of the FY2012 Capital Improvement Program:

- o \$185,000 for the re-sanding of the Oak Hill Filter Beds.
- o Up to \$9,000 for wetlands delineation in the Millbrook Well Field.
- o Up to \$40,000 for the development of a Municipal Telecommunications Plan.
- o Up to \$25,000 to develop a town-wide Information Technology Plan.
- o Up to \$30,000 to reconfigure video cameras in the downtown area.

President Farrell noted a Public Hearing for these items would be held during the May Town Council meeting.

President Farrell announced the voter turn-out for the Preliminary Election on April 19, 2011 was 10%. He reviewed the races to be on the June 14, 2011 ballot. He noted Town Council Precinct One did not have a Candidate on the ballot. If any one wished to come forward for a one year term, they could do so.

President Farrell suggested all Councilors should have a home telephone number listed in the phone book to enable citizens to contact them.

Councilor Maloney wished everyone a happy Patriots Day. There would be a parade from the Middle School to Lunt Field for Opening Day of the Greenfield Minor League on Saturday, April 23, 2011. President Farrell announced he would be the Grand Marshal of the Parade. On Saturday, April 30, 2011, the Greenfield Girls Softball would have an Opening Day celebration. On August 13, 2011, a benefit concert would be held called “Kid’s Rock” for the rehabilitation of Beacon Field Details to follow.

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 8:00 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Regular Meeting
April 20, 2011

1. Bitters, Paul	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. Hirschfeld, Norman	P						
10. Farrell, Timothy	P						
11. Guin, Daniel	---						
12. Devlin, Patrick	P						
13. Sutphin, Tracey	P						