

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2013

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

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

President Singer 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 Hoffman was absent.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Maureen Winseck; Superintendent Dr. Susan Hollins; School Business Manager Elizabeth Gillman; Special Education Coordinator Bill Bazyk; GCTV-15 staff; and members of the public.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Devlin, it was unanimously,

MOVED: TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2013.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Kelner, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO AMEND THE APRIL 17, 2013 MINUTES BY STRIKING "8" AND INSERTING "7" FOR THE ROLL CALL ON ORDER NO. FY13-100.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2013 AS AMENDED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following people spoke:

- Lauren Cramer, 32 Spruce Street, announced the Second Congregational Church will host a discussion with Chikako Nishiyama relating to the Fukushima Evacuation Zone at 7:30 pm, on May 29, 2013.
- James Hutchinson, 136 Main Street, had been misquoted by Chris Collins in his "IN the Arena" column.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Councilor Allis read the following Public Hearing notice: In accordance with the Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., May 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main St.: to consider the following:

- Appropriate \$350,000 from Free Cash to the following accounts:
 - \$125,000 to Workers Compensation
 - \$50,000 to Police & Fire Indemnity
 - \$100,000 to Unemployment
 - \$75,000 to Health Insurance Mitigation
- Appropriate \$625,000 from Free Cash to the following Stabilization Funds:
 - \$400,000 to General Stabilization
 - \$150,000 to Capital Project Stabilization
 - \$75,000 to Contractual Agreement Stabilization
- Appropriate \$80,000 from Sewer Fund Retained Earnings to Sewer Fund Bonded Debt Interest.

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Councilor Allis held the following second reading:

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**PUBLIC HEARING
MAYOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014 OPERATING BUDGET**

<i>CATEGORY</i>	
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LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT	\$ 156,250
OTHER GEN'L GOVERNMENT	\$ 1,501,500
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 5,474,480
EDUCATION	\$ 17,541,507
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 2,392,000
HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 998,405
CULTURE & RECREATION	\$ 707,500
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 2,487,000
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 10,629,375
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 43,775,832

MAYOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET

<i>GEN'L GOVT</i>	<i>SOURCE</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
REPLACE TOWN HALL ROOF	Borrowing	175,000
STREETLIGHT RETROFIT	Borrowing	100,000
TOWNWIDE RADIO SYSTEM	Borrowing	84,000
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MARKED CRUISER	Available Funds	40,000
UPGRADE VIDEO/SECURITY SYSTEM	Taxation/Borrowing	47,000
FIRE DEPT		
REPLACE AIR PACKS	Borrowing	71,500
SCHOOL DEPT		
UPGRADE SCHOOL SECURITY	Borrowing	50,000
TECHNOLOGY	Taxation/Borrowing	80,000

SCHOOL VEHICLES	Taxation/Borrowing	80,000
REPAIR NEWTON ROOF	Borrowing	50,000
DPW		
CHAPTER 90	Grant	650,000
REPLACE GUARDRAILS	Borrowing	30,000
PAVE CHAPMAN/DAVIS LOT	Available Funds	100,000
SIDEWALKS	Borrowing	50,000
EQUIPMENT	Borrowing	72,000
SCREENING OF MATERIAL	Available Funds	25,000
NORTH ST PARKING	Available Funds	19,500
LIBRARY		
PLANNING/DESIGN GRANT	Available Funds	20,000
RECREATION		
PURCHASE WEBTRAC SOFTWARE	Available Funds	10,000
UPGRADES TO SWIM AREA	Available Funds	10,000
SEWER FUND		
IMPROVE SEWER I/I	Borrowing	150,000
PURCHASE VACTOR TRUCK	Borrowing	350,000
PURCHASE ROTARY SLUDGE PRESS	Borrowing	540,000
WATER FUND		
REPLACE LEYDEN RD 14" WATER MN	Borrowing	100,000
REPLACE BACKHOE	Borrowing	145,000
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET		3,049,000

The Town Council will consider the same on Wed., May 22, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at GCTV-15 Studio, 393 Main Street. Materials can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office, 14 Court Sq. from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. or phone 413-772-1555, xt. 113.

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President Singer opened the Public Hearing at 7:21 pm. He asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none he would keep the public hearing open.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Ms. Kelly stated the Mayor was attending a Mayor's meeting and would attend next week's annual budget meeting.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Dr. Hollins discussed the following:

- A standing request from the School Committee for \$68,000 from free cash.
- Chapter 70 Aid proposed in the Governor, House and Senate budgets.
- Several retirements within the School system this year.
- Student grades and progress were tracked within a data system for grades 1 through 8.
- There was a new Administrative Strategic Plan.
- Update on Virtual School.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

Superintendent Hollins spoke relating to the Capital request to upgrade school security for \$50,000.

President Singer asked if anyone wished to speak to items relating to the Public Hearing. Seeing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:36 pm.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 13-102

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, second by Councilor Allis, 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 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: Dan McKenna - 1-year term expiring June 30, 2014.

DISCUSSION: Vice- President Wisnewski stated the Appointments and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. He noted Mr. McKenna attended the committee meeting.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -102.

Vice- President Wisnewski stated the Appointments and Ordinance committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for the following appointments.

Order no. FY 13-103

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Tara Kurland - 2-year term expiring June 30, 2015.

Order no. FY 13-104

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE: William Phelps - 2-year term expiring June 30, 2015.

Order no. FY 13-105

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR THAT \$350,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM FREE CASH TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BALANCING THE FY13 OPERATING BUDGET:

- \$125,000 TO WORKERS COMPENSATION
- \$50,000 TO POLICE & FIRE INDEMNITY
- \$100,000 TO UNEMPLOYMENT
- \$75,000 TO HEALTH INSURANCE MITIGATION

DISCUSSION: Chairman Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. Ms. Kelly stated this would balance deficit in departments.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -105.

Order no. FY13-106

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$400,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FREE CASH TO THE STABILIZATION FUND.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Allis reported the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. Ms. Kelly stated currently there was just over 1 million dollars in the general stabilization account. After tonight, the contractual stabilization account would have a balance of approximately \$175,000; the capital stabilization account would have a balance of approximately \$300,000; and the free cash account would be approximately \$157,000.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -106.

Order no. FY 13-107

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Devlin, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$150,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FREE CASH TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT STABILIZATION FUND.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -107.

Order no. FY 13-108

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was,
MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$75,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FREE CASH TO THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT STABILIZATION FUND.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Allis noted the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -108.

Order no. FY 13-109

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

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$80,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM SEWER FUND RETAINED EARNINGS TO SEWER FUND BONDED DEBT INTEREST.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -109.

Order no. FY 13-088 A 1

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Devlin, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL DECLARES REAL ESTATE ON STETSON DRIVE, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 12.412 ACRES, AS IDENTIFIED ON “EXHIBIT A”, ASSESSORS’ MAP R 20, BLOCK 21, TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND TRANSFERS SAID PROPERTY TO THE MAYOR FOR SALE.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Devlin stated the Economic Development Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. He noted the committee recommended placing a conservation restriction on the property to not allow any development.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 13 -088 A 1

Order no. FY 13-088 A 2

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Devlin, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SELL APPROXIMATELY 12.412 ACRES, ON STETSON DRIVE, AS IDENTIFIED ON “EXHIBIT A”, ASSESSORS’ MAP R 20, BLOCK 21, PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL POLICY FOR THE SALE OF TOWN OWNED LAND AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Devlin, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO AMEND THE MOTION BY INSERTING THE FOLLOWING “TO INCLUDE CONSERVATION RESTRICTION IN CUSTOMARY FORM BEING PLACED UPON THE PREMISES” AFTER “BLOCK 21” IN THE ORDER.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Devlin stated the area was very “wet” and the requester did not want the property build upon.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SELL APPROXIMATELY 12.412 ACRES, ON STETSON DRIVE, AS IDENTIFIED ON “EXHIBIT A”, ASSESSORS’ MAP R 20, BLOCK 21, TO INCLUDE CONSERVATION RESTRICTION IN CUSTOMARY FORM BEING PLACED UPON THE PREMISES, PURSUANT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL POLICY FOR THE SALE OF TOWN OWNED

LAND AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- Chairman Wisnewski stated the committee continued to work on amendments to the Charter and hoped to bring them forward to the Town Council in June.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE – Chairman Allis announced the committee would meet at 5:00 pm on May 22, 2013 for continued deliberation and recommendation of the Mayor’s proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Operating and Capital budgets.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Chairman Devlin noted there would be a joint EDC and Planning Board Public Hearing on Thursday, May 16, 2013 regarding the rezoning of Holy Trinity property. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at 114 Main Street.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Councilor Zaltzberg discussed the Senior Forum being held on May 30, 2013 at 2:30 pm at the Senior Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President Wisnewski requested the following be sent to a subcommittee for review and recommendation: “THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD INSTITUTES a \$1000 PER YEAR STIPEND FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE BEGINNING IN JULY 2016. TOWN COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL NOT BE INELIGIBLE FOR TOWN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.”

Councilor Allis held the following first reading: THE SUM OF \$1,500,000 BE APPROPRIATED TO PURCHASE PROPERTY OWNED BY S & W REALTY LOCATED AT 298 FEDERAL ST., UNIT A, GREENFIELD, MA, DESCRIBED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 3812, PAGE 40, AS AMENDED (THE “CONDOMINIUM”) AND PROPERTY OWNED BY GREENFIELD SILVER, INC., f/k/a LUNT SILVERSMITH, INC. LOCATED AT 298 FEDERAL ST., UNIT B, GREENFIELD, MA, DESCRIBED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 3894, PAGE 34, AS AMENDED AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID SUM OF \$1,500,000 PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7 (3) 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 THIS PROJECT. President Singer explained the reason for the Town Council reconsidering an appropriation of \$1,500,000 to purchase the Lunt property.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

PUBLIC FORUM: The following public spoke:

- Jim Hutchinson, Main Street spoke of the following:
 - Conversation held at the Town Council meeting relating to the Biomass Moratorium.
 - Purchase of property on Deerfield Street.
 - The Sale of Town Owned Land has increased since Mayor Martin took office.
- Howard Clark spoke of an ordinance he had drafted relating to Native American Burial Grounds.

President Singer reminded the Town Council of the Annual Budget meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 6:00 pm, at GCTV-15.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Wisnewski, seconded by Councilor Devlin, it was unanimously

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:08 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Maureen T. Winseck, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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1. Kelner, Marian	P						
2. Zaltzberg, Keith	P						
3. Allis, Brickett	P						
4. Ronhave, Steven	P						
5. Singer, David	P						
6. Hoffman, Hillary	A						
7. Renaud, Karen	P						
8. Shapiro Miller, Karen	P						
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	P						
10. Athey, Dalton	P						
11. Wisnewski, Mark	P						
12. Devlin, Patrick	P						
13. Maloni, Mark	P						