

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2014

GCTV-15

7:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Wisnewski.

President Wisnewski 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. All Councilors were present

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor William Martin; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie L. Kelly; Town Clerk Deborah J. Tuttle; Town Accountant Elizabeth Braccia; GCTV-15 staff; Anita Fritz, *the Recorder*; and members of the public.

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

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2014.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** William Freeman, WMECO employee updated the Town Council on the sale and closing of the WMECO building in Greenfield. He thanked the Council for all assistance they had given in the attempt to keep WMECO in Greenfield/Franklin County.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Councilor Allis read the following Public Hearing notice:

In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., March 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main St. to receive public input on the following:

- Transfer \$350,000 from Contractual Stabilization to General Stabilization
- Transfer \$100,000 from Contractual Stabilization to Compensated Absences Special Fund
- Transfer \$200,000 from Free Cash to Capital Stabilization
- Appropriate \$150,000 from Free Cash to OPEB Liability Trust
- Appropriate \$18,700 from Capital Stabilization to the LED Streetlight replacement project
- Borrow \$150,000 to purchase the HAPCO Building

The Town Council will consider the same on Wed., March 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15 Studio, 393 Main St. 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 414-772-1555, xt. 114.

President Wisnewski opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm. He asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing no one, he stated the hearing would remain open.

Councilor Allis held the following second reading:

- Ordered that \$350,000 be transferred from the Contractual Stabilization Account to the General Stabilization Account.
- Ordered that \$100,000 be transferred from Contractual Stabilization to the Compensated Absences Special Fund
- Ordered that \$200,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Account
- Ordered that \$150,000 be appropriated from Free Cash to the OPEB Liability Trust
- Ordered that \$18,700 be appropriated from Capital Stabilization to the LED Streetlight replacement project

- Ordered that \$150,000 be borrowed for the purchase of the HAPCO Building at 11 Olive Street from the Greenfield Redevelopment Authority.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

MAYOR: None

TOWN OFFICERS: Ms. Kelly briefed the Council regarding the Town’s higher upgraded Bond rating and bids for the High School bond.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: None.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

Order no. FY 14-126

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Hoffman, second by Councilor Devlin, 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: YESSINA GARCIA –3-YEAR TERM , EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2016.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hoffman stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. She noted that Ms. Garcia had attended the committee meeting and held discussion with the members.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -126.

Order no. FY 14-125

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Hoffman, second by Councilor Devlin, 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 COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS: LUCY BONNETTE – REMAINDER OF A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2015 (TO FILL AN EXISTING VACANCY)

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hoffman stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. She noted that Ms. Bonnette had attended the committee meeting and held discussion with the members.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -125.

President Wisnewski asked if anyone from the public wished to speak at the Public Hearing. Seeing none he closed the hearing at 7:19 pm.

Order no. FY 14-127

*Financial Order 14-24*

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$350,000 BE

APPROPRIATED FROM THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT STABILIZATION FUND TO THE GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. Councilor Allis reviewed the reasons for the movement of funds.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -127.

Order no. FY 14-128

*Financial Order 14-25*

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$100,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT STABILIZATION FUND TO THE COMPENSATED ABSENCES SPECIAL FUND.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. Councilor Allis stated the special fund was used for long term employee retirement buybacks.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -128.

Order no. FY 14-130

*Financial Order 14-26*

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$200,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM FREE CASH TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT STABILIZATION FUND.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. He noted the Capital Project Stabilization fund was used for capital projects of a lower amount which borrowing was not appropriate for.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -130.

Order no. FY 14-129

*Financial Order 14-27*

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Ronhave, 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 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT TRUST.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. This was another step in taking care of long term liabilities the town has.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -129.

Order no. FY 14-131

*Financial Order 14-28*

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Ronhave, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THE SUM OF \$18,700 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE CAPITAL PURCHASE STABILIZATION FUND TO COMPLETE THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PURCHASE OF LED STREETLIGHTS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE FY14 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ON MAY 22, 2013.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. These funds would be recouped as a portion of the rebate package.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -131.

Order no. FY 14-132

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Ronhave, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THE SUM OF \$150,000 BE APPROPRIATED TO PURCHASE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE GREENFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY LOCATED AT 11 OLIVE STREET, GREENFIELD, MA, IDENTIFIED IN THE ASSESSOR'S MAPS OF GREENFIELD AS MAP 21, BLOCK 20 AND DESCRIBED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOOK 5656, PAGE 65. TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID SUM OF \$150,000 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.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. Ownership of this property was necessary as part of the transportation bill for the proposed parking garage. The Mayor stated the garage would hold approximately 448 parking spaces.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -132.

Order no. FY 14-134

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Hoffman, second by Councilor Renaud, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION TITLED "SUSTAINABLE GREENFIELD JANUARY 2014":

Greenfield Town Council Accepts the Greenfield Master Plan, "Sustainable Greenfield January 2014"

The Greenfield Town Council Resolves to accept "Sustainable Greenfield January 2014" as the Town of Greenfield's master plan and as a guiding document for future legislation.



Given under our hands this 19th day of March, 2014.

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Mark P. Wisnewski, Town Council President

A true copy,  
Attest:

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Constable

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Date of Posting

**Order no. FY 14-124**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Hoffman, second by Councilor Singer, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHES A CEMETERY COMMISSION AS AUTHORIZED IN MGLC 114, § 22 – 26.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Hoffman stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. She further stated the Town would be taking over two (2) cemeteries and a committee would be needed to oversee the duties as outlined in MGLC 114, § 22 – 26. Councilor Siano requested the commission look into the process for “green burial”.

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -124.

**Order no. FY 14-135**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Devlin, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL RESCINDS THE FOLLOWING ORDER VOTED DURING THE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MAY 22, 2013:

**Order no. FY 13 -112**

*On May 22, 2013, the Greenfield Town Council, on a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Wisnewski, it was by majority, 10 yes, 3 no,*

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR THAT 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.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. Mayor Martin updated the Councilors on the Lunt property. He noted continued discussion regarding the recreation fields and protection for neighboring properties relating to contamination issues.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 14 -135.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS** None.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**APPOINTMENTS AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE-** Vice-President Hoffman shared the committee held a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Noise Ordinance and further discussion would be held. She noted the committee would be holding a special Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 regarding the Wetlands Ordinance at 6:30 pm at 114 Main Street.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – Chairman Renaud announced the committee would be holding a Public Hearing to discuss a Dog Park on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm at 114 Main Street.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – Chairman Devlin noted the committee held a Public Hearing regarding the newly proposed Nuisance and Vacant Property Ordinance and would be further discussed by the committee.

Vice-President Hoffman announced the GBA Membership Showcase would be held Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Arts Block at 7:00 pm. She also stated the “Little E” was coming up sometime in April. The Greenfield Superintendent Search Committee should be sending recommendations to the School Committee in a week.

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Allis spoke of information forthcoming regarding the rules and regulations pertaining to the OPEB Trust.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilor Allis held the following first reading:

- 1.) The sum of \$435,000 be appropriated from the premium paid to the City/Town upon the sale of bonds or notes issued for the Greenfield High School Project, which are the subject of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion, to pay costs of the project being financed by such bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project, but not yet issued by the City/Town, by the same amount.

**2.) FY15 CAPITAL BUDGET**

**With the recommendation of the Capital Improvement Committee and approval of the Mayor, this is the first reading for the FY15 Capital Budget.**

<b>GEN'L GOVT</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>AMT</b>
REPAIRS TO THE TOWN CLOCK	Capital Stabilization	15,000
REPLACE CM VEHICLE	Capital Stabilization	15,000
REPLACE HVAC TECH VEHICLE	Capital Stabilization	24,000

**POLICE DEPT**

CRUISER TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE	Capital Stabilization	21,000
REPLACE FLOORING PD	Capital Stabilization	25,000
PURCHASE EVIDENCE REFRIGERATOR AND LOCKER	Borrowing	66,000

**FIRE DEPT**

REPLACE FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	Capital Stabilization	37,000
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**SCHOOL DEPT**

UPGRADE SCHOOL SECURITY TECHNOLOGY	Borrowing	40,000
SCHOOL VEHICLES	Borrowing	80,000
REPAIR GREEN RIVER SCHOOL ROOF	Borrowing	70,000
REPLACE NORTH PARISH SCHOOL ROOF	Borrowing	35,000
	Borrowing	225,000

**DPW**

PURCHASE Z TRACK MOWER	Capital Stabilization	14,000
REPAIR DPW YARD ROOF	Capital Stabilization	20,000
BUILD PAINT BOOTH AT DPW YARD	Capital Stabilization	15,000
REPLACE GUARDRAILS	Borrowing	40,000
SIDEWALKS	Borrowing	250,000
EQUIPMENT	Borrowing	230,000
SCREENING OF MATERIAL	Borrowing	40,000
<b><i>ENGINEERING OF NASH'S MILL BRIDGE</i></b>	<b><i>Borrowing</i></b>	<b><i>150,000</i></b>

**LIBRARY**

PLANNING/DESIGN GRANT	Capital Stabilization	5,000
REPAIR FRONT STEPS	Capital Stabilization	20,000
PAINT REAR OF LIBRARY	Capital Stabilization	15,000

**RECREATION**

PURCHASE VEHICLE	Capital Stabilization	15,000
PURCHASE PORTABLE STAGE	Borrowing	98,000

**SEWER FUND**

PURCHASE AIR COMPRESSOR	Retained Earnings	12,000
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**WATER FUND**

REPLACE 1 TON DUMP TRUCK	Retained Earnings	55,000
PAINT ADAMS ROAD WATER TANK	Retained Earnings	40,000
REPLACE DAMAGED/UNDERSIZED WATER PIPE	Borrowing	100,000
REPLACE GREEN RIVER PUMP STATION PIPE	Borrowing	85,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,857,000</b>

It was noted the Town Council would hold a Public Hearing and consider the Mayor's proposed Capital Budget at the April 16, 2014 regular meeting.

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** None.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Devlin, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:58 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah J. Tuttle, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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1. Kelner, Marian	P						
2. Siano, Alfred	P						
3. Allis, Brickett	P						
4. Ronhave, Steven	P						
5. Singer, David	P						
6. Hoffman, Hillary	P						
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						