

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2015

GCTV-15, 393 Main Street

7:00 pm

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

President Hoffman 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 and WHMP 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 Attorney Gordon Quinn; Town Accountant Elizabeth Braccia; School Superintendent Jordana Harper; School Committee Chairperson Maryelen Calderwood; Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development and Marketing Larry Jutres; GCTV-15 staff; Anita Fritz, *the Recorder*; WHMP, and members of the public.

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

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2015.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2015.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2015.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following people spoke:

- Mark Lavin, 91 Smith Street, #10, spoke regarding the lack of satisfactory communication between the Mayor and the Dispatch Union regarding the possible privatization of dispatch services for the Town of Greenfield.
- Susan Worgaftik, 45 Forest Ave., spoke in favor of the acceptance of the lease for the Lunt property, the 3 nonbinding ballot questions relating to plastic, and the CSO Resolution.
- James Allen, 8 Maple Lane, spoke in support of the Mayor's proposed appointment of Tammy Mosher to the Board of Health.
- Teresa Conti, 46 French King Highway, spoke in favor of the appropriation to lower taxes also noting people could no longer afford to live in Greenfield. She suggested Town Council meetings be held in a more accessible location.
- George Gohl, 157 Montague City Rd, owner of the Garden Cinemas stated the ban on plastic bottles would reduce his business income between 13 and 18 thousand dollars per year, which was about what he paid in taxes per year.
- Nancy Hazard, 30 Spring Terrace, spoke in favor of the 3 nonbinding ballot questions relating to plastics.
- Sandra Boston, 15 Abbott St, spoke in favor of the 3 nonbinding ballot questions relating to plastics.

The following spoke and requested support for the CSO resolution:

- Patricia Williams, 147 Davis Street.
- Pamela Barnett, 34 Phillips Street.
- Rhonda Shapiro Rieser, 45 Vernon Street.
- Christine Chmilewski, 4 Green Street.
- Greg Grandison, 97 Elm Street, Shelburne Ma.

- Pricilla Lynch, 377 S. Shirksire, Conway Ma.
- Mary Ellen Calderwood, 82 Sanderson Street.
- Ron Patenaude

**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., Aug. 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at GCTV-15, 393 Main St. to receive public input on the following:

- Appropriate \$1,800 from Griswold Conservation Area Reserve for Appropriation Fund for FY16 maintenance work at the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area.
- Appropriate \$1,400,000 from the General Stabilization Fund to stabilize the tax rate.

The Town Council will consider the same on Wed., Aug. 19, 2015, 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 413-772-1555, x. 6163.

Hillary Hoffman, Greenfield Town Council President

Councilor Allis held the following second reading:

- Appropriate \$1,800.00 from Griswold Conservation Area Reserve for Appropriation Fund for FY16 maintenance work at the Griswold/GTD Conservation Area.
- The sum of \$1,400,000 be appropriated from the General Stabilization Fund to stabilize the tax rate.

President Hoffman asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. The following spoke:

- Patty Morey Walker, 194 High Street, spoke in favor of the 1.4 million dollar appropriation to lower the tax rate. She stated the Town needed a comprehensive plan to lower resident taxes.

President Hoffman stated the Public Hearing would remain open until just prior to the vote.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

MAYOR: Mayor Martin spoke regarding:

- Union negotiations and conversations with Dispatch noting the town should have some answers by Wednesday, August 26, 2015.
- CSO resolution.
- Greenfield Tax Rate and the amount citizens paid as compared to other communities within the Commonwealth.

Mayor Martin responded to Councilor questions relating to:

- The accessibility of the downtown area including the bricked bump out areas on Main Street.
- Effect of 1.4 million dollar appropriation on the average tax bill.
- Examples of tax base expansion.
- Benefits to the citizens if the Toyota TIF was approved.
- Precinct Councilors holding local meetings relating to the Municipal Light Plant.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Superintendent Harper spoke of:

- School opening in Greenfield on September 2, 2015.
- Greenfield High School track and building schedule.
- Improvements made on various buildings throughout the summer.
- A draft of strategic objectives for the department was available on the School website.

Chairperson Calderwood spoke of the passing of School Committee member Jeff Comenitz. If citizens were interested in applying to fill the vacated seat they should send letters of interest to the School Administration offices.

Superintendent Harper noted the distribution of non school events to students was orchestrated through her office.

President Hoffman asked if anyone else wished to speak regarding the Public Hearing; seeing none she closed the hearing at 8:33 pm.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Order no. FY 16-027**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-11, APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID J. SINGER TO FILL THE AT-LARGE TOWN COUNCIL SEAT, VACATED BY DALTON ATHEY, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2015.

**DISCUSSION:** President Hoffman spoke of the process of receiving and interviewing applicants. She thanked all of the applicants for their willingness to serve. She and Councilor Maloni spoke of their recommendations to appoint David J. Singer to fill the vacated seat. Councilor Mass and Vice-President Renaud noted their support for the appointment.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -027.

**Order no. FY 16-028**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Siano, second by Councilor Renaud, 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 SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE, TERM UNTIL SUCCESSOR QUALIFIED:

- JEAN WALL
- LARRY JUBB
- JERRY MOORE
- GINGER CARSON
- HOPE MACARY

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Siano stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for appointment.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -028.

**Order no. FY 16-029**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Siano, 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 BOARD OF HEALTH: TAMMY MOSHER – (THREE YEAR TERM EXPIRING, JUNE 30, 2018).

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Siano stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a vote of 1 yes and 3 abstentions. He stated the committee did not question if the applicant was suitable for the position or not; questions were toward the Mayor's motivation to not reappoint the previous Board of Health member. It was noted that the Town Council only rejected applicants if they were not suitable for the position and this person was qualified to sit on the board.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -029.

**Order no. FY 16-030**

1 of 2

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

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 16 -005, 1of 2 "TO ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM'S LOCAL-INCENTIVE ONLY APPLICATION OF JIMBOB REALITY, LLC, GREENFIELD CARMART, LLC AND TWO FATHERS, LLC AND FORWARD SAID APPLICATION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR ITS FOR APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT, AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION" WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE JULY 15, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

**MOTION ON THE TABLE:** ORDER NO. FY 16 -005, 1of 2 "TO ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM'S LOCAL-INCENTIVE ONLY APPLICATION OF JIMBOB REALITY, LLC, GREENFIELD CARMART, LLC AND TWO FATHERS, LLC AND FORWARD SAID APPLICATION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR ITS FOR APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT, AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Devlin stated the Economic Development Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation on the 10 year TIF as originally proposed. He noted the TIF committee had constructed a 5 year TIF plan at an additional meeting in order to satisfy the request of some Councilors. The following comments were made:

- Not approving this TIF did not make you anti-business.
- This TIF was different than any other that have been considered before it because there were no State incentives associated with the proposed TIF.
- The company was not going to leave town if they didn't get the TIF because they have already invested money.
- How the monitoring of jobs would be done and by whom.
- The 5 year TIF proposal would save the citizens about \$50,000.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Renaud, second by Councilor Mass, it was,

**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE TIF AGREEMENT TO THE 5 YEAR PLAN SAVING THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD TAX PAYERS \$50,000.

**DISCUSSION:** Vice-President Renaud noted in the spirit of compromise, the 5 year TIF was a good option. Councilor Maloni noted reasons the EDC had recommended the 10 year TIF plan which included the increase of the tax base while taking a long term view for the business. Councilor Ricketts, Ronhave, Hirschfeld, Kelner, and Shapiro Miller discussed reasons they would vote in favor of the 10 year TIF. It was noted the TIF committee should work to ensure TIF recipients complied with job requirements and

notifications to the Town. It was noted by the Town Council Rules of Procedure if both the 10 year and 5 year TIF's were defeated they would not be able to be considered for another 9 months.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Allis, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** TO CALL THE QUESTION.

It was by majority, 3 yes and 8 no,

**DEFEATED:** TO AMEND THE TIF AGREEMENT TO THE 5 YEAR PLAN SAVING THE TOG TAX PAYERS \$50,000.

It was by majority, 7 yes and 3 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -005, 1of 2 - TO ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM'S LOCAL-INCENTIVE ONLY APPLICATION OF JIMBOB REALITY, LLC, GREENFIELD CARMART, LLC AND TWO FATHERS, LLC AND FORWARD SAID APPLICATION TO THE MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR ITS FOR APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT, AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION.

Order no. FY16-030

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**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Devlin, second by Councilor Maloni, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 16 -005, 2 of 2 "TO APPROVE THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT ATTACHED THEREIN AND INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA PACKET AND FORWARD SAID AGREEMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION" WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE JULY 15, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

It was by majority, 1 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -005, 2 of 2 "TO APPROVE THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT ATTACHED THEREIN AND INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA PACKET AND FORWARD SAID AGREEMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION" WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE JULY 15, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Order no. FY 16-031

Financial Order 16-07

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Ronhave, it was, **MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT THE SUM OF \$1,800.00 BE APPROPRIATED FROM GRISWOLD CONSERVATION AREA RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION FUND FOR FY16 MAINTENANCE WORK AT THE GRISWOLD/GTD CONSERVATION AREA. .

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated this trust had been specifically created so as not to take funding from the general fund.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -031, Financial Order 16-07.

Order no. FY 16-033

Financial Order 16-08

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT THE SUM OF \$1,400,000 BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND TO STABILIZE THE TAX RATE.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. Councilor Mass spoke of how Greenfield could lower the tax rate by either increasing growth or lowering spending. Councilor Siano reviewed taxes paid through Franklin County.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -033, Financial Order 16-08.

Councilor Allis stated the next three motions required 9/10<sup>th</sup> votes of the Council. The Ways and Means Committee forwarded unanimous positive recommendations for all three.

**Order no. FY 16-034**

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

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2015 BILL FOR FEDEX TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100.145.5421 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$89.58.

**Order no. FY 16-035**

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

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2015 BILL FOR THE RECORDER TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100.176.5345 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$226.80.

**Order no. FY 16-036**

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

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR A FISCAL YEAR 2015 BILL FOR WESCOR TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 0100.212.5247 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305.00.

**Order no. FY 16-025**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AMENDS THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 200, SECTION 200-4-9 (C) AND THE TABLE OF USES, AS PROPOSED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED HERETO, EXHIBIT A, "TO ALLOW PRIVATE CLUB OR MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS BY SPECIAL PERMIT WITHIN THE GENERAL INDUSTRY ZONING DISTRICT", IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Devlin reviewed the process and the joint Public Hearing held by the EDC and Planning Board. He stated both the Planning Board and EDC forwarded unanimous positive recommendations.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 15 -025.

**Order no. FY 15-037**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Siano, second by Councilor Kelner, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING NON-BINDING QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE USAGE OF THIN FILM SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS BY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS?”

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Renaud, second by Councilor Mass, it was,

**MOVED:** TO AMEND THE PROPOSED QUESTION ON THE BALLOT TO READ AS FOLLOWS: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE USAGE OF THIN FILM SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS **GIVEN AT CHECK OUT** BY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS??

**DISCUSSION:** Vice-President Renaud stated the proposed amendment had been requested by the Greenfield Rights of Nature group. It was noted that the Citizens Petition previously discussed by the Town Council had been withdrawn. It was also suggested that these ballot questions were “anti business”. The Town Council should not enter into debate regarding the substance of the ballot question.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE MOTION.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING NON-BINDING QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE USAGE OF THIN FILM SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS **GIVEN AT CHECK OUT** BY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS?”

*Order no. FY 16-038*

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Siano, second by Councilor Renaud, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING NON-BINDING QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE SALE OF NON-SPARKLING, UNFLAVORED DRINKING WATER IN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BOTTLES NO LARGER THAN ONE LITER IN SIZE?”

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Renaud, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE PROPOSED QUESTION ON THE BALLOT TO READ AS FOLLOWS: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE SALE OF NON-SPARKLING, UNFLAVORED DRINKING WATER IN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BOTTLES **LESS THAN** ONE LITER IN SIZE?”

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING NON-BINDING QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE SALE OF NON-SPARKLING, UNFLAVORED DRINKING WATER IN SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BOTTLES **LESS THAN** ONE LITER IN SIZE?”

*Order no. FY 16 -039*

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING NON-BINDING QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE USAGE OF NON-BIODEGRADABLE FOOD CONTAINERS AND SINGLE-USE UTENSILS?”

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Renaud, second by Councilor Mass, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO AMEND THE PROPOSED QUESTION ON THE BALLOT TO READ AS FOLLOWS: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE USAGE OF NON-BIODEGRADABLE **TAKE-OUT FOOD AND BEVERAGE** CONTAINERS BY **RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS AND AT TOWN EVENTS?**”

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO PLACE THE FOLLOWING NON-BINDING QUESTION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT: “SHALL THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DRAFT A LOCAL ORDINANCE BANNING THE USAGE OF NON-BIODEGRADABLE **TAKE-OUT FOOD AND BEVERAGE** CONTAINERS BY **RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, LOCAL HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS AND AT TOWN EVENTS?**”

Order no. FY 16 -053

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Kelner, second by Councilor Renaud, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE RESOLUTION TITLED “RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FRONT-LINE MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS”.

July 27, 2015

**Resolution in Support of Front-line Mental Health Workers in Western Massachusetts Submitted by Councilor Karen “Rudy” Renaud**

We, the Greenfield Town Council, recognize the critical role clinicians and crisis workers play in the health and safety of our community. Front-line staff at Clinical & Support Options is directly engaged in this vital work each day, serving thousands of Greenfield’s most at-risk and vulnerable populations.

We express our sincere support for the clinicians and crisis workers at CSO, whose efforts are fundamental to the very fabric of our community. These workers deserve a fair, strong contract that respects and values the services they provide.

Faced with an ongoing Opioid and addiction problem that is ravaging our community Greenfield families deserve quality emergency and ongoing mental health care that is free from disruption. Local taxpayers deserve to know their funds are appropriately prioritized and dedicated to service delivery. We strongly urge CSO administrators to reach a swift and fair resolution that demonstrates a true commitment to mental health services and those who provide them.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Kelner stated the Community Relations and Education Committee held a Public Hearing regarding the resolution. The Committee forwarded a recommendation for approval by a vote of 2 yes and 1 abstention. Vice-President Renaud disclosed that she works for the same Union as being discussed. However her job has nothing to do with the Union or members in the resolution. She spoke of reasons she proposed the resolution and supports the non-binding resolution. Councilor’s Allis, Ricketts,

and Mass supported the workers but did not believe it was the Town Council’s place to become involved and would not support the resolution. Councilor’s Hirschfeld, Kelner, Siano, and Devlin would show support to the union and vote in favor of the resolution.

It was by show of hands, 6 yes and 5 no,  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -053.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Devlin, second by Councilor Maloni, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 164 THIRTY (30) DAY CONTRACT REVIEW ORDINANCE, SECTION 164-3, TO ALLOW THE TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD AND THE OWNERS OF THE LUNT PROPERTIES.

Order no. FY 16 -026

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Devlin, second by Councilor Maloni, it was,  
**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE OPTION TO PURCHASE THE LAND AND SPACE PARTICULARLY KNOWN AS 298 FEDERAL STREET, UNIT B, BUILDINGS 1 (“UNIT B1”), 2 (“UNIT B2”), AND 3 (“UNIT B3”) (COLLECTIVELY “BUILDINGS”) GREENFIELD, MA AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAN ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT “A” TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANT RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING, AND ENTRANCES AND ALL OF THE FIXTURES AND OTHER PROPERTY LOCATED THEREIN.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Allis stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. Councilor Devlin stated the Economic Development Committee forwarded a recommendation of 2 yes and 2 abstentions. He also noted the EDC received the documentation on the day of their meeting. Comments included:

- A new contract had been received today.
- The contract included a stipulation that a TIF for the property of 10% over 10 years would be approved.
- EDC abstentions occurred because there was not adequate time to read the contract.
- Critical services would be offered to the community through the project once developed.

It was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 16 -026.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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

- \$250,000 be appropriated from the Contractual Agreement Stabilization Fund to the Negotiated Salary Account line item for the settlement of contracts.

President Hoffman noted the following would be on the Committee Chairs agenda for discussion:

- Proposed Charter amendments from Councilor Mass regarding section 7-7.
- Amending the Rules of Procedure to remove the public forum at the end of the Town Council meeting.
- Facilities for meetings and accessibility for the public.

**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 10:30 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Deborah J. Tuttle, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15

Regular Meeting

August 19, 2015

1. Kelner, Marian	P						
2. Siano, Alfred	P						
3. Allis, Brickett	P						
4. Ronhave, Steven	P						
5. Ricketts, Penny	P						
6. Hoffman, Hillary	P						
7. Renaud, Karen	P						
8. Shapiro Miller, Karen	P						
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	P						
10. Singer, David	A						
11. Mass, Isaac	P						
12. Devlin, Patrick	P						
13. Maloni, Mark	P						