

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016

GCTV-15, 393 Main Street

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Allis.

President Allis 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. Councilors Burge and Maloni were absent. Councilor Renaud joined the meeting at 7:40 pm.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor William Martin; Assistant Town Clerk Gail Zukowski; Special Projects Lindsay Rowe; Chief Assessor Audrey Murphy; Board of Assessors Joseph Ruggeri and Christopher Miller; GCTV-15 staff; Aviva Luttrell, *the Recorder*; and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

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

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 AND OCTOBER 19, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public spoke:

- Jason Howl, 99 Hope Street, stated:
 - The horrible smell from Pierce Brothers Coffee Roasters production process and IT'S health effects.
 - Everyday effects on the neighborhood from the smell.
 - It is not fair for the neighborhood and kids, to have to breathe this stuff every day.
 - The upgrades are not enough. The business needs to relocate.
- Tom Moore, 91 Hope Street, stated:
 - Acknowledged he'd been before the Town Council before to complain about the odor.
 - Yesterday the stink was so bad it was intolerable. Then ironically there was a commercial on WHAI for the business.
 - He had been slandered, and lied about.
 - This was a health hazard and deserve fresh air.
- Oscar Acre, 93 Hope Street, stated:
 - Pierce Brothers Coffee Roasters has outgrown their current business location.
 - What was the point of citizens bringing issue before the Town Council when there was no follow up of any kind or acknowledgement by the Town Council of the issue.
 - The community elected you to represent us.
 - I did receive an email in response to my message by a Councilor which did not address any of my health concerns, yet suggested a visit to the "nice people at the facilities," that is baffling.
 - These are valid issues and the Town Council should follow up on the concerns.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Councilor Lobik read the Public Hearing notice: The Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at GCTV15 Studio, 393 Main Street, Greenfield, to adopt a residential factor in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 58, Section 1A, which shall be used by the Board of Assessors to determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property. The Assessors shall provide all information and data relevant to making such determination and the fiscal effect of the available alternatives. The hearing is required under Section 56 of Chapter 40, Massachusetts General Laws.

President Allis opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm. He asked if anyone from the public wished to speak; seeing none he stated the hearing would remain open.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MAYOR: Ms. Kelly stated the Mayor was currently out of town. She spoke of the following:

- Currently the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Plan was under review.
- The Fiscal Year 2018 Operating budget process was beginning.
- The Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Classification would be considered as well as a first reading for funds which would keep the Fiscal Year 2017 tax rate within pennies of Fiscal Year 2016 tax rate. The assessors are here to answer any questions you have.
- Update on the former School Administration building. Noted the water had been shut off, the heat was turned down and electricity was still on. There would be an RFP for demolition soon and it was expected that within 45 to 60 days the process for demolition would begin.

Ms. Rowe stated the following regarding the two Tax Incentive Finance votes to be taken tonight:

- An overview of the TIF program.
- Number of employees and investments outlined within the Decker and International Container Corporation Inc. TIF applications.

In response to Councilor Childs questions, it was noted that Decker would demolish the current Bendix building. The business was currently located in a residential, apartment, neighborhood in downtown Holyoke and had not had any noise complaints.

Ms. Murphy reviewed what happened when a business who had a TIF did not meet the State requirements. She stated the following:

- There have been TIFs taken away.
- The State keeps track of reporting and notifies the Town and business of lack of reporting.
- A local business had layoffs but had met the financial obligations within the TIF. The business has the length of the TIF to meet the employment requirements.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: None.

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

President Allis asked if anyone from the public wished to speak at the Public Hearing; seeing none he closed the hearing at 7:29 pm.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

It was noted the Appointment and Ordinance Committee had not met in November to consider this appointment.

Order no. FY 17-059

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Pyfrom, 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 COUNCIL ON AGING: MARSHA L STAPLES-LOVE – REMAINDER OF A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2018 (TO FILL VACANCY LEFT BY THE RESIGNATION OF HAZEL DAWKINS).

Order no. FY 17-060

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Stempel, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 17-046, FINANCIAL ORDER 17-16, “THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, THAT THE SUM OF \$5,471 BE APPROPRIATED FROM BUILDING MAINTENANCE STABILIZATION FOR THE FIRST MONTH’S PAYMENT OF A CONTRACT TO MAINTAIN THE NEW PLAYING FIELDS AT GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL” WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE OCTOBER 19, 2016 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION ON THE FLOOR

Order no. FY 17-046

Financial Order 17-16

THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, MOVED THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE SUM OF \$5,471 BE APPROPRIATED FROM BUILDING MAINTENANCE STABILIZATION FOR THE FIRST MONTH’S PAYMENT OF A CONTRACT TO MAINTAIN THE NEW PLAYING FIELDS AT GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.

DISCUSSION: President Allis stated the Town had adopted M.G.L.c 44 § 64 which allowed the Town Council to vote 2/3 of the members present to approve previous years bills.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 17 -046 FINANCIAL ORDER 17-16.

Order no. FY 17-061

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 17-056, FINANCIAL ORDER 17-22, “THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, MOVED THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT \$174.91 BE APPROVED WITHIN THE FY17 DPW BUDGET TO PAY A PREVIOUS YEAR BILL” WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE OCTOBER 19, 2016 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION ON THE FLOOR

Order no. FY 17-056

Financial Order 17-22

THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR, MOVED THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT \$174.91 BE APPROVED WITHIN THE FY17 DPW BUDGET TO PAY A PREVIOUS YEAR BILL.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 17 -056, FINANCIAL ORDER 17-22.

It was noted the Ways and Means Committee forwarded unanimous positive recommendations for the three orders for the Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Classification.

Order no. FY 17-062 A

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL ADOPT A MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL FACTOR OF 1 (ONE) RESULTING IN AN EQUAL TAX RATE FOR ALL CLASSES OF PROPERTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017.

Order no. FY 17-062 B

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTES THAT NO RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION BE ADOPTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017.

Order no. FY 17-062 C

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

VOTED: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL VOTES THAT NO SMALL COMMERCIAL EXEMPTION BE ADOPTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017.

Order no. FY 17-063

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF LOCAL-ONLY APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OF A TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR DECKER MACHINE WORKS INC TO THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL, SUPPORT DECKER MACHINE WORKS, INC APPLICATION FOR THE STATE INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Ricketts stated the EDC forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. Councilors expressed excitement for this business coming to Town knowing the business would find Greenfield a quality community.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 17 -063.

Order no. FY 17-064

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Stempel, it was,

MOVED: THAT IT BE ORDERED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF LOCAL INCENTIVE- ONLY APPLICATION AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER CORPORATION LLC TO THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL, SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER CORPORATION LLC APPLICATION FOR THE STATE INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS AND TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Ricketts stated the EDC forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. She reviewed the reasons why ICC had chosen to relocate to Greenfield. In response to President Allis’s question, it was stated after the demolition of the current building the company would pay taxes on the assessed value of the land for the duration of the TIF.

It was unanimously,

VOTED: TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 17 -064.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS

Councilor Ricketts invited the Town Council to participate in a drive to collect coats, soap, shampoo and socks by the Human Rights Commission. President Allis suggested Councilor Ricketts send an email to the Clerk and the email would be disbursed to the Town Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilor Lobik held the following first reading: \$750,000 be appropriated from General Stabilization to stabilize the tax rate.

Councilor Childs presented the attached to be considered at the December Committee Chairs meeting.

President Allis reminded the Town Council to sign the Tax Classification paperwork prior to leaving the meeting tonight.

The Town Council wished everyone who celebrated the holiday a Happy Thanksgiving.

MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Stempel, it was unanimously,

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:48 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____

Deborah J. Tuttle, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2016

1. Sund, Verne	Y					
2. Lobik, John	Y					
3. Allis, Brickett	Y					
4. Muzyka-Pyfrom, Wanda	Y					
5. Wainstein, Robert	Y					
6. Burge, Maria	Ab.					
7. Childs, William	Y					
8. Stempel, Ashley	Y					
9. Leonovich, Daniel	Y					
10. Mass, Isaac	Y					
11. Renaud, Karen	Y					
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y					
13. Maloni, Mark	Ab.					