

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

184th Regular Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Greenfield High School Cafeteria

21 Barr Avenue

Council Vote Summary

WEBSITE VERSION

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

Order no. FY 19-012

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Mass, second by Councilor Sund, it was unanimously,

VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10 THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING REAPPOINTMENTS, BY THE MAYOR TO THE FOLLOWING BOARDS AND/OR COMMISSIONS FOR THE EXPRESSED TERM:

APPOINTMENT

Donna Woodcock 2021	Franklin County Technical School	3-year term, December 31,
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REAPPOINTMENT

David Lewis 2020	Board of Registrars	3-year term, December 31,
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Order no. FY 19-015

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Stempel, second by Councilor Mass it was, by majority, 1 No, 1 Abstention,

VOTED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED "RESOLUTION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES" AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, THE CURRENT FIRE STATION IS ANTIQUATED AND FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE. IF RENOVATION IS EVEN POSSIBLE GIVEN THE AGE OF THE BUILDING, REPAIRS TO RENOVATE THE CURRENT BUILDING ARE ESTIMATED AT 10 MILLION, INCLUDING ASBESTOS REMEDIATION, ADA COMPLIANCE, NEW PLUMBING, NEW WINDOWS, REPLACING THE APPARATUS FLOOR, NEW WIRING, ADDITIONAL SQUARE FOOTAGE, AND MODERNIZATION TO COMPLY WITH INDUSTRY STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, THE GREENFIELD POLICE STATION, ALTHOUGH NEWER AND HAVING BEEN UPGRADED SINCE THE POLICE RELOCATED THERE 20 YEARS AGO, HAS SUBSTANTIAL DEFICIENCIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SAFETY ISSUES, HOLDING CELLS, OFFICE SPACE, INADEQUATE HVAC, AND LOCKER ROOMS. THE COST TO RENOVATE THE POLICE STATION TO BE UP-TO-DATE OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS IS ESTIMATED TO BE AT LEAST 5 MILLION DOLLARS.

~~WHEREAS, THE REGIONALIZATION OF DISPATCH WITH THE STATE IS MOVING FORWARD AND WILL RESULT IN THEIR ABSORPTION OF THE DISPATCH DEPARTMENT (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EMPLOYEES, EQUIPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS), FREEING UP A MINIMUM OF \$750,000. IN THE GREENFIELD ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET.~~

WHEREAS, THE BONDS TO ACQUIRE THE LAND AND BUILDING FOR THE CURRENT POLICE STATION AND THE RENOVATION ON THE CURRENT FIRE STATION HAVE BEEN PAID OFF;

WHEREAS, THE COMBINATION OF POLICE AND FIRE STATION WILL RESULT IN OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES AND IMPROVED SERVICE FOR THE CITIZENS OF GREENFIELD;

WHEREAS, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THE CURRENT POLICE STATION OF HIGH STREET WILL BE SOLD AND RETURNED TO THE TAX ROLES;
~~WHEREAS, THE STATE'S 10 MILLION GRANT FOR THE NEW GREENFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY IS DEPENDANT ON THE RELOCATION OF THE EXISTING FIRE STATION;~~
NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS SUPPORTS THE CONTINUED EFFORTS OF THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE A LEASE, **OR CONSTRUCTION**, OF A PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX.

Order no. FY 19-016

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Stempel, second by Councilor Mass, it was, unanimously **VOTED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SECTION 5-11 APPOINT THE FIRM OF BLUMSHAPIRO FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN OUTSIDE AUDIT **AND SEND THE MAYOR COST ESTIMATE OF \$50,000 TO \$52,000.**

Order no. FY 19-018

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Mass, with no second, it was, unanimously **DEFEATED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 19-017 "TO AMEND THE CODE OF TOWN OF GREENFIELD §364 PUBLIC LANDS, 2 HOURS OF OPERATION BY ADDING AFTER THE WORDS "TOWN COMMON" AND BEFORE THE WORDS "AND CONSERVATION LANDS" THE WORDS "MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY ALONG KIMBALL DRIVE OFF COLRAIN STREET, KNOWN AS WEDGEWOOD GARDENS", AND FURTHER BY ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TOWN COMMON" WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE AUGUST 2, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Order no. FY 19-019

MOTION: Councilor Allis noted the following motion had been postponed:
POSTPONED: THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO ENTER TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSE 3 – TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR LITIGATION IF AN OPEN MEETING MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BARGAINING OR LITIGATING POSITION OF THE PUBLIC BODY AND THE CHAIR SO DECLARES.

