

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Special Session
May 2, 2016 @ 6:00pm
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Town Council Present: M. Isaacs, S. Cienki, M. Schwager, W. Stone, S. Todd

Town Staff Present: T. Coyle, III, K. Benoit, L. Botello, P. Clarkin, W. Schmidle, E. McAndrew, C. Bradley, J. Duarte, R. McGillivray, M. Sullivan, S. Brown, S. Cirella

1. FY 2017 Budget Work Session

Requests for Grants and Contributions

- East Greenwich Animal Protection League
- East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
- Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission
- Main Street Association
- Odeum
- Summer's End

Chris Feisthamel, Chair of the Historic Cemetery Advisory Commission, gave a presentation supporting their request for funding from the Town. Funds would go towards supplies and gasoline. Council discussed the placement of the line item in the budget and their request for help with the homeowner associations and limb removal.

Steve Lombardi, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, gave a presentation supporting their request for an increase in funding from the Town. The Chamber supports the promotion and marketing of Main Street and many Town events.

Phil Nutting, President of the Board for Summers End, gave a presentation supporting their request for funding from the Town in the amount of \$5,000. They are continuing with aggressive fundraising to offset a reduction in corporate sponsors but their future over the next few years is questionable. He explained some details about the event.

Tammy Flanagan, President of the EG Animal Protection League, provided some details about their current status and location. They are hoping to secure a long term lease at a new location in Warwick, owned by Mike Kent, in the next 2-3 months. Basic necessities are limited and they would need to start from scratch. More details were given on animal statistics, financials and future events. She was joined by Amy Tellier, Treasurer. Operational questions were answered as well as costs associated with services. The Town Manager has allocated \$9,000 to the organization.

Steve Nelson, President of the Main Street Association, gave a presentation supporting their request for funding from the Town. He explained how the Association enhances living in and around Main Street.

A representative from The Odeum was not available.

Moved to Item 4

2. General Budget Discussion

Mr. Duarte provided information requested by Council on increasing several fees in his department. A draft ordinance will be presented at a later date.

Ms. Bradley provided information requested by Council on increasing Mooring Fees which needs approval from the Cove Commission.

A lengthy discussion followed on several areas of the proposed FY 2017 budget, including but not limited to the EG Animal Protection League, tennis courts, Town Council priorities, asphalt and repaving projects. Council reviewed several line items on an errata sheet used to identify areas that could be reduced or increased. Capital projects were discussed.

Moved to Item 5

3. 4th of July Fireworks

Mr. Coyle made a site visit and pending good weather, the event should go off as scheduled. All expenses are being paid for by Dr. Lewis and West Bay Dental Group. The Town was added as an additional insured and the Town Solicitor reviewed the contract between the fireworks company and the Lewis family.

Councilor Todd moved to approve the fireworks on the 4th of July being paid for and provided for by West Bay Dental Group, seconded by Councilor Schwager.

Potential parking and crowd control issues were discussed. Viewing areas are being promoted at Scalloptown and Goddard Park.

Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Moved to Item 2

4. Approval of Outdoor Sidewalk Liquor Service for May 1 through July 31

a. Grille on Main, 50 Main Street (continued from April 25)

Currently, there is no application on file as taxes are past due and the landlord is affiliated with the business owner.

Moved to Item 3

5. Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation

a. 5750 Post Road v. East Greenwich Fire District

Councilor Stone moved to go into Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation, seconded by VP Cienki. Roll call vote 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Following the Executive Session, VP Cienki moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Councilor Todd moved to seal the Executive Session minutes, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Councilor Todd moved to adjourn at 9:30pm, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Leigh A. Botello, CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL AUGUST 22, 2016