

**MINUTES**  
**Town Council**  
**Town of East Greenwich**  
**Regular Session**  
**May 23, 2016 @ 6:30pm**  
**Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818**

6:30pm ~ ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL GROUP PHOTO

Rescheduled to June 13, 2016

7:00pm ~ Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Town Council Present: M. Isaacs, S. Cienki, M. Schwager, W. Stone, (S. Todd – absent)

Town Staff Present: T. Coyle, III, L. Botello, P. Clarkin, J. Duarte, S. Brown, S. Cirella

Others: A. Barton, C. Malaga, Senator M. Gee

President Isaacs called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Acknowledgments

- Peter Cienki for placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the RI State Academic Decathlon
- EGHS Presidential Scholars ~ Grace Miner and Julian Wu
- RI Personal Finance Challenge ~ Cole and EGHS Students
- Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition ~ EGHS Students

Councilor Stone moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

All were recognized and congratulated on their achievements.

1) Town Council Minutes

None

2) Reports and Communications

- a) Public Comment (15-minute time limit for items NOT on the agenda)

None

Moved to item 6a

3) Public Hearing

- a) An ORDINANCE in amendment of the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 93

FEES, Article I FEE SCHEDULE, Section 93-1 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES to increase fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses, Victualing Licenses, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Fees and the addition of a Zoning Certificate Fee EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (SECOND READING).

There were no comments from either Council or the public.

Councilor Stone moved to close the Public Hearing and move to Third Reading, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- b) An ORDINANCE in amendment of the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 38 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, Section 38-4 SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES to increase fees for Building, Electrical, Plumbing and Mechanical Permits; and fees by 10% EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (SECOND READING).

There were no comments from either Council or the public.

Councilor Stone moved to close the Public Hearing and move to Third Reading, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- c) An ORDINANCE in amendment of the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 248 Vehicles and Traffic, Article III Parking, Stopping, Standing, Section 248-46 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF PROSECUTION FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS to increase fees EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 (SECOND READING).

There were no comments from either Council or the public.

Councilor Schwager moved to close the Public Hearing and move to Third Reading, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

#### 4) Consent Calendar

- a) RENEWAL of Second Hand Dealers Licenses 2016/2017
- b) RENEWAL of Private Detective License for Edward F. Pelletier, III
- c) Ratification of Class F Alcoholic Beverage License for NE Peaks Prevention fundraiser at Varnum Armory on May 20, 2016.
- d) Recommendation from the Tax Assessor for tax abatement from the 2015 Real Estate tax roll in the amount of \$393.08.

VP Cienki moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

#### 5) Unfinished Business

a) RIDOT road paving update

Mr. Duarte reported that he and Mr. Coyle met with DOT regarding the Town's request for funding several Main Street improvements which are safety concerns. The Town had offered to fund the projects and begin the work now if DOT would provide adequate reimbursement. They offered \$450,000 for paving and handicap ramps only and would not be able to consider the projects until 2017/2018. The Town's estimate for the entire project including engineering is estimated at around \$1 million. DOT suggested the Town write another letter to the Director to request maintenance work on the worst areas of asphalt and not including any handicap ramps. The maximum dollar amount they will now provide is \$100K and DOT is not willing to do anything at this point. Mr. Duarte will testify in front of the Statewide Planning Council to ask the State to bump up the funding. "Band aids" are the best that can be done at this point.

Discussion followed on the Transportation Improvement Program on the DOT website addressing scheduled projects and ways to accelerate progress. It was decided to draft a letter from Council to forward to the Governor and Commerce Secretary. The source and availability of the \$450K from DOT, which has Federal mandates related to ADA compliance, was addressed. State employees and private contractors would do the work on Main Street. There are 61 handicap ramps required from First Avenue to Division Street, some of which need to be redesigned because of the location of manhole covers. It was suggested to secure funds to at least proceed with engineering.

6) New Business

a) Town Moderator's rules governing the conduct of the Financial Town Meeting

Mr. Barton stated that the rules are the same as last year; in particular any comments from the public shall be directed to the Town Moderator. The Financial Town Meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the EGHS Auditorium.

Moved to item 3a

b) Appointment of an alternate member to the Board of Assessment Review to fill a vacancy for a 1-year term to expire July 1, 2016.

Councilor Stone moved to appoint Marc Gertsacov as an alternate member to the Board of Assessment Review to fill a vacancy for a 1-year term to expire July 1, 2016, seconded by VP Cienki. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

7) Town Manager's Report

Mr. Coyle reported that Chalk the Block and Arts on Main were both successful events. He and Chief McGillivray will meet with KCWA to discuss the proposed rate increase on fire hydrants by 80%. New flowers and a new sign for Town Hall are in place.

8) Council Comments

President Isaacs reported that the Town's legislation on liquor licenses and bonds are moving forward in the General Assembly. The Memorial Day Parade is Monday.

Councilor Schwager was congratulated on his 30 year anniversary with his wife Pat.

9) Public Comment (15-minute time limit)

None

10) Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation and (5) related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes.

VP Cienki moved to go into Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining/Litigation and (5) related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, seconded by Councilor Stone. Roll call vote 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- a) Union negotiations
- b) Update on any pending or previously settled litigation cases
- c) 333 Main Street

Following Executive Session, VP Cienki moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Councilor Stone moved to seal the Executive Session minutes, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Councilor Schwager moved to adjourn at 8:00pm, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 4-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Leigh A. Carney, CMC

Town Clerk

**APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL AUGUST 22, 2016**