

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Regular Session
June 13, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

6:30pm ~ ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL GROUP PHOTO

Members of the Town Council, Town Manager, Town Solicitor and the Town Clerk gathered for a photograph.

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

Town Staff Present: T. Coyle, L. Botello, P. Clarkin, K. Benoit, J. Duarte, R. McGillivray, M. Sullivan, S. Brown, S. Cirella

At 7:02pm, President Isaacs called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

There was a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando.

Sarah Weekers, a student at Hanaford Elementary School, recited the Gettysburg Address.

Acknowledgments

- Kate DePetro for being crowned Miss Rhode Island Outstanding Teen 2016
- EGHS Junior Varsity Volleyball Team for winning Division II Championship

VP Cienki moved to approve the acknowledgements, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Commendations were presented to Kate DePetro, Owen Petito and Coach Kyle Medeiros were presented commendations for their accomplishments.

1) Town Council Minutes

- a) April 25, 2016 (Regular and Executive Sessions)

Councilor Stone moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Todd. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

2) Reports and Communications

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

Deb Colletti voiced her concerns about not being able to walk safely on the sidewalks due to

encroachment from outdoor dining in the areas of Main Street Coffee, La Masseria and Dante's.

b) Finance Report – April 2016

Ms. Benoit provided highlights for the monthly financial report for April 2016. Departmental expenditures that are over budget were explained. Receivables are going down due to collections from the pending tax sale. The OPEB Trust proceeds have netted earnings of \$105,000.

Move to Item 6b

c) Pending resignation of David Osborne, School Committee Member

A special election will be held to fill the vacancy which is more than 2 years and will coincide with the General Election in November. The declaration of candidacy period is different than the period for the full 4 year term. Clarification is needed on whether or not candidates can file to run for both the 2 year seat and the 4 year seat.

d) East Greenwich Drug Program – Robert Houghtaling

Mr. Houghtaling provided an overview on statistics from the 2015/2016 drug program which focus on mental health and substance abuse issues. Prevention initiatives were noted as well as many programs geared towards teens. Discussion followed on prescription drug use, safe driving initiatives and trends in social deficiencies due to cyberspace and anxiety disorders.

3) Public Hearing – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

a) Application for NEW Alcoholic Beverage License Class BV with Victualing for Main Street Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Rocco's Bistro, 219 Main Street.

Attorney Peter Nolan, representing the applicants Rocco Quattrocchi and Jamie Beaulieu, explained they have been running an establishment in Smithfield for 5 years without any violations. They are not seeking a license for entertainment. The Zoning Board approved an application for a parking variance requiring proof of a contract for valet parking using only private parking lots. Mr. Quattrocchi explained the theme is an upscale American bistro serving entrees, craft beers and cocktails. Windows and doors will need to be replaced with approval from the Historic District Commission.

There were no public comments.

Councilor Todd moved to approve the requested licenses subject to the completion of inspections by the Building Inspector, Fire Marshal, and RI Department of Health, seconded by VP Cienki. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

4) Consent Calendar

None

5) Unfinished Business

- 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 (THIRD READING).

Councilor Stone moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 5-0 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 (THIRD READING).

Councilor Stone moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Todd. Voted 5-0 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 (THIRD READING).

Councilor Schwager moved to approve, seconded by VP Cienki. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

6) New Business

- a) An ORDINANCE in amendment of Chapter 15 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 15-8 entitled Outdoor Sidewalk Liquor Service to extend the allowable hours to serve by one hour (FIRST READING).

Councilor Stone moved to introduce and set for Public Hearing on June 27th, seconded by Councilor Todd. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- b) RESOLUTION authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Refinancing will allow the Town to take advantage of lower interest rates. Discussion followed on the language in the third whereas clause.

Councilor Stone moved to adopt the resolution with the addition of the phrase in the third whereas clause after the word 'savings': ... "net of all fees and costs.", seconded by VP Cienki. After further discussion, it was voted 4-1 with Councilor Todd voting no.

Moved to Item 2c

- c) Appointment of Gene Dumas as an alternate member of the Board of Canvassers, having been nominated by Council President Isaacs.

VP Cienki moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- d) Appointment of Ruth Feder as an alternate member of the Board of Canvassers, having been nominated by Council President Isaacs.

VP Cienki moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

7) Town Manager's Report

Mr. Coyle congratulated the students at East Greenwich High School who graduated. He attended the Fireman's Memorial Service. The Financial Town Meeting is tomorrow at the high school.

8) Council Comments

Councilor Todd hosted an event for the EG Education Foundation at the Dune's Club which raised over \$40,000 for schools.

Councilor Schwager and Mr. Coyle discussed the McHale timeline, Boesch Farm barn and Harris Marina. Mr. Coyle recently attended a workshop on OPEB offered by The Trust. The Town's policies and funding in the Town Manager's budget may need to be formalized.

VP Cienki asked about new signage at Scalloptown Park about dogs.

President Isaacs suggested a special meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 7pm to conduct interviews for Boards and Commissions.

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 Schwager. Roll call vote 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- a) Union negotiations
- b) Update on any pending or previously settled litigation cases

c) 333 Main Street

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

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

Councilor Todd moved to adjourn at 8:32pm, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Leigh A. Botello, CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 19, 2016