

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Regular Session
September 26, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

7:00pm ~ Call to Order and 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, L. Bourbonnais, J. Peixinho, J. Duarte, W. Schmidle

Others: C. Malaga

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

Acknowledgments

- Kevin Fetzer for serving over 11 years on the Municipal Land Trust
- Wendy Fachon for serving on the Municipal Land Trust

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

Ms. Fachon was unable to attend. Mr. Fetzer was congratulated and acknowledged for his years of service by the Council.

1) Town Council Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

2) Reports and Communications

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

Robert Vespia, Shippeetown Road, advised that on a recent news report the Division Street Bridge over Route 4 was listed as 2 out of 100 that are in serious need of repair.

3) Public Hearing

There was no public hearing.

4) Consent Calendar

- a) Approval of recommendations from the Tax Assessor for abatements to Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax rolls in the amount of \$4,573.14.

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

5) Unfinished Business

- a) Amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan for consideration of the project at 1001 Main Street (THIRD READING).

Ms. Bourbonnais explained that Council is only approving a comp plan future land use map amendment and not a zone change. The applicant would not appeal to the State Housing Appeals Board if denied. The project includes over 25% of the units designated as affordable units based on State criteria thereby qualifying them to go through this process.

VP Cienki moved to approve the amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan for consideration of the project at 1001 Main Street, seconded by Councilor Stone. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

6) New Business

- a) Approval of Town Council statements in support of the ballot questions on road bonds and elimination of the Financial Town Meeting.

A suggestion was made to remove the language related to performing an annual audit and also to add numbers where they are missing. A revised draft will be recirculated for consideration.

- b) Approval of award of bid to Northeast Revaluation Group, LLC for the statistical revaluation project for 2017 in the amount of \$137,000.

Ms. Peixinho explained it is not unusual to receive only one bid on a statistical review. The State will reimburse the Town \$12 per parcel. The cost to the Town is approximately \$60K and the bid received was found to be fair based on comparables. Home inspections will be done only on sales over the next 18-24 months. Exempt properties are not included and the post office building is being prorated. The General Assembly has yet to approve changing the time lines for statistical and full revaluations.

Richard Nagle, president of Northeast Revaluation, explained the CAMA software package to be used together with Patriot Properties. Their website will not be affected.

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

- c) Approval of award of bid to Third Millennium for fiber infrastructure improvements in the amount of \$71,006.99.

Ms. Schmidle explained that school bond money was previously used to connect facilities using fiber optics when the new phone system was installed. Now, the Fire Department is changing its

technology for the fire alarm boxes and upgrading the systems at both stations. Funds for fire prevention from NEIT can be used to build out the fire prevention infrastructure and to implement the upgrades. The Town and School Department would both benefit from the project. Existing connections were explained and facilities that still need to be connected were noted. The bandwidth will be increased dramatically. The vendor was on the State's MPA list so no formal bid was needed and is familiar with the Town's infrastructure.

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

- d) Approval of agreement between the Town of East Greenwich and the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322 effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 (CONTINUED FROM 9/19).

The addition of the CDL requirement and some minor language changes were briefly discussed. The agreement covers employees in DPW, Parks and Recreation, Wastewater and Highway.

Councilor Stone moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of East Greenwich and the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322 effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 subject to final editorial changes as approved by the Town Solicitor, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- e) Approval of a written oath of office for appointments and reappointments to Boards and Commissions.

Councilor Stone moved to permit the taking of the oath of office for Boards and Commissions using the written form submitted to the Town Council for appointments and reappointments, seconded by VP Cienki. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- f) Appointment of an alternate member to the Juvenile Hearing Board for the term ending December 1, 2017.

VP Cienki moved to appoint Patricia Colgan as an alternate member to the Juvenile Hearing Board for the term ending December 1, 2017, seconded by Councilor Todd. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- g) Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions

- i) Kevin Guerette to the Municipal Land Trust for a 5-year term to expire 10/1/2021.

VP Cienki moved to appoint Kevin Guerette to the Municipal Land Trust for a 5-year term to expire 10/1/2021, seconded by Councilor Todd. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

7) Town Manager's Report

Mr. Coyle met with Lt. Governor McKee at Jigger's to promote small businesses and discussed grants and contributions given to the Chamber of Commerce.

8) Council Comments

Councilor Todd is hosting a fundraiser for the Republican Town Committee at The Preserve on Friday.

President Isaacs added that the next Council meeting is Thursday, October 13, 2016.

9) Public Comment (15-minute time limit)

Ms. Bourbonnais reported that October is National Community Planning Month and events will be happening all month. The Affordable Housing Commission is hosting a Fair Housing Workshop on October 17, 2016 at Town Hall.

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

- a) Pending litigation
- b) Agreement between the Town of East Greenwich Department of Public Works and the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of Local Union 1322 effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019

Due to a lack of a motion, there was no Executive Session.

Councilor Stone moved to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Councilor Todd. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL OCTOBER 13, 2016