

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Regular Meeting
November 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

(1) Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Town Council (4/5): Suzanne Cienki, President; Sean Todd, Vice President; Andrew Deutsch, Councilor and Mark Schwager, Councilor (Absent: Nino Granatiero, Councilor)

Town Staff: Gayle Corrigan, Town Manager; Leigh Carney, Town Clerk; Catherine Bradley, Community Services and Parks Director; Col. Stephen Brown, Chief of Police; Cpt. Stanley Cirella, Deputy Chief of Police and Kevin Robinson, Interim Fire Chief

President Cienki called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

(2) Public Hearing

- (a) An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 128 Harbor Management, Section 128-5 (I) Harbor Regulations related to conditions of use of Town dock (SECOND READING).

There were no public comments.

Motion to approve and schedule for third reading on November 26th made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(3) Consent Calendar

- (a) Application for Class F1 Alcoholic Beverage License for Classic Seal Coating to hold a Holiday Party at the Varnum Armory, 6 Main Street, on December 15, 2018
- (b) Reappointment of Brian Warburton as an alternate member to Juvenile Hearing Board for a one-year term to expire December 1, 2019 retroactive to October 22, 2018.
- (c) Reappointment of Lisa Holley as an alternate member to the Juvenile Hearing Board for a one-year term to expire December 1, 2019 retroactive to October 22, 2018.
- (d) Recommendation from the Tax Assessor for abatements to the 2018 Tax Roll in the amount of \$11,571.48 retroactive to October 22, 2018.
- (e) Recommendation from the Tax Assessor for abatements to the 2018 Tax Roll in the amount of \$1,020.98

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar made by Sean Todd, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(4) Unfinished Business (Discussion/Action)

- (a) An ORDINANCE to amend the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 248 thereof, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Article III, "Parking, Stopping, Standing", Section 248-34 "Stopping, standing and parking prohibited on specified streets" related to Crop Street. (THIRD READING)

Motion to approve made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (b) Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding (#11) previously executed administratively without prior Council approval, authorization or deliberation between the Town of East Greenwich and Local Union 1322 of the Laborers International Union of North America Department of Public Works Employees.

Town Manager Corrigan explained the MOU addressed how employees are paid during blizzard events and was a result of significant weather events in 2013 and 2016. A portion of the agreement was read aloud. The Town Manager and Director of DPW determines blizzard conditions requiring overtime for snow removal.

Motion to approve made by Sean Todd, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(5) New Business (Discussion/Action)

- (a) Appointment of Senior Services Driver in the Community Services and Parks Department with an hourly wage of \$17.75 effective November 19, 2018.

Director Bradley spoke about Maryjo Greig's qualifications and experience. She is working towards her chauffeur license and CDL license.

Motion to appoint MaryJo Greig made by Sean Todd, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (b) Recommendation from Town Manager to reassign the Municipal Court from the Finance Department to the Police Department retroactive to October 26, 2018.

Town Manager Corrigan referenced Chapter 72 of the Town Code and explained her process for reevaluating the administration of the court. Lt. Jay Fague will assume the clerical duties.

Motion to appoint Lt. Jay Fague to clerk of the municipal court and proceed with recommendation made by Town Manager Corrigan made by Sean Todd, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (c) Emergency Purchase of Police Vehicle

Chief Brown explained the need is urgent to do to the loss of an older vehicle in a traffic accident. Cost estimate to equip the new vehicle is \$35,000. Insurance proceeds are expected but the amount is not certain. Once received, the capital fund will be reimbursed. Brief discussion ensued.

Motion to approve made by Sean Todd, seconded by Mark Schwager

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

- (6) Public Comments (30 minute time limit)

None

- (7) Council Comments

Councilor Schwager wished Councilors well on their future endeavors.

VP Todd acknowledged the work of the Council and Town Manager Corrigan.

President Cienki acknowledged that change is difficult and she thanked the community and Council members for the opportunity to serve.

- (8) Executive Session

- (a) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss on going labor relations matters concerning East Greenwich Firefighters Local 3328, IAFF.

- (b) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically, to discuss the matter, IAFF Local 3328 v. East Greenwich, KC-2018-0926.

Motion to go into Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

Motion to return to Open Session and seal the Executive Session minutes

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

(9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Sean Todd, seconded by Andrew Deutsch

Ayes: Cienki, Deutsch, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried 4 – 0

Submitted By:

Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved By Town Council:
(PENDING)

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