

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Special Session
December 18, 2018 at 6:45 PM
Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

(1) 6:45 PM Call to Order

Town Councilors (5/5): Mark Schwager, President; Michael Donegan, Vice President; Caryn Corenthal, Renu Englehart and Michael Zarrella

Town Staff: Joseph Duarte, Acting Town Manager; Leigh Carney, Town Clerk; Andrew Teitz, Esq., Solicitor

President Schwager called the meeting to order. Following introductions, he led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Motion to add Public Comment for non-agenda items made by Michael Donegan, seconded by Michael Zarrella

Ayes: Corenthal, Donegan, Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion carried 5 – 0

Paul Christopher, 10 Jefferson Drive, spoke in opposition of a project currently before the Planning Board for a micro-brewery in his neighborhood. His specific concerns pertained to safety at bus stops and variances for buffer zones.

Jennifer Madden, 40 Jefferson Drive, spoke in opposition of the same project, specifically related to its location near bus stops, increased traffic flows and backups during peak traffic times entering and exiting the neighborhood. She had additional concerns about intoxicated drivers, noise and food trucks.

Coreen Dolan, 309 Grand View Road, spoke in opposition of the same project, specifically zoning restrictions, entrance-way and traffic. She requested that Council add the item to the agenda for discussion.

Kevin Hopkins, 250 Chestnut Drive, spoke in opposition of the same project as an abutter, specifically aesthetics, drainage, opening times and being in a residential area.

There was brief Council discussion about the current status of the plans before the Planning Board. Solicitor Teitz explained that breweries are licensed by the State and do not require a Town license. Council has no jurisdiction other than to follow through the Planning Board's process.

Charles Callanan, 30 Eldredge Avenue, voiced his concerns over the FBI's presence in Warwick related to the Fire Department. Solicitor Teitz and Mr. Duarte stated they have not been contacted by the FBI and are in the process of collecting as much information as possible on many aspects of Town business.

Aditya Arora, 70 River Farm Drive, commented about deficiencies found at wastewater treatment plant.

(2) Interviews for Boards and Commissions

(a) Jeffrey Cianciolo for Quonset Point Development Corporation Board

President Schwager spoke about the history of Quonset Point and gave an overview of the Board. Mr. Cianciolo introduced himself and provided details about his involvement in the community and his professional career as a business lawyer. He expressed his interest in serving on the Board. Discussion ensued on recreational amenities, opportunities for East Greenwich and the State and traffic concerns. Advertising for the vacancy will continue through January with a subsequent appointment.

Motion to go in to Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1), to conduct interviews and thereby discuss the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons who have responded to the RFQ for the position of Consultant to the Acting Town Manager (notice provided) and to discuss the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons, with regard to selecting a Consultant to the Acting Town Manager position from among those person or persons who have responded to the RFQ (notice provided) made by Michael Donegan, seconded by Michael Zarrella

Ayes: Corenthal, Donegan, Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion Carried 5 – 0

Council recessed briefly to reassemble in the Council conference room.

(3) Executive Session

- (a) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1), to conduct interviews and thereby discuss the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons who have responded to the RFQ for the position of Consultant to the Acting Town Manager (notice provided).
- (b) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1), to discuss the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person or persons, with regard to selecting a Consultant to the Acting Town Manager position from among those person or persons who have responded to the RFQ (notice provided).

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Council recessed briefly to reconvene in Council Chambers.

Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes made by Michael Zarrella, seconded by Renu Englehart

Ayes: Corenthal, Donegan, Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion Carried 5 – 0

No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Moved to Item 6a

(5) Consent Calendar

- (a) Application for Class F1 Alcoholic Beverage License for Steve Filippou's Twisted Pizza for a Holiday Celebration being held at the Varnum Memorial Armory, 6 Main Street on December 20, 2018

Motion to approve made by Michael Zarrella, seconded by Michael Donegan

Ayes: Corenthal, Donegan, Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion Carried 5 – 0

Moved to Item 7

(6) New Business (Discussion/Action)

- (a) Possible vote on hiring of temporary Consultant to Town Manager

Motion to authorize the Acting Town Manager Duarte to enter into a contract with Michael D'Amico consistent with the RFQ at an hourly rate not to exceed \$125 per hour and for a period of not more than 60 days without further vote by the Council made by Michael Donegan, seconded by Caryn Corenthal

There were no public comments.

Ayes: Corenthal, Donegan, Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion Carried 5 – 0

Returned to Item 5a

(7) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:38pm made by Michael Donegan, seconded by Michael Zarrella

Ayes: Corenthal, Donegan, Englehart, Schwager, Zarrella

Motion Carried 5 – 0

Submitted By:

Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved By Town Council:
(PENDING)