

MINUTES
Town Council
Town of East Greenwich
Regular Meeting
September 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Swift Community Center, 121 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

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

Town Council Present (4/5): S. Cienki (absent), S. Todd, A. Deutsch, N. Granatiero, M. Schwager

Town Staff Present: G. Corrigan, D. D'Agostino, L. Carney, S. Brown, S. Cirella, L. Dykeman, S. Hughes, E. McAndrew, R. McGillivray

VP Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

(2) Acknowledgements

- (a) Kenneth Powell for serving over two years on the Cove Management Commission.

Motion to approve made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager.

Ayes: Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(3) Town Council Minutes

- (a) June 26, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions
- (b) August 7, 2017 Regular Session
- (c) August 28, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions
- (d) September 11, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions

Motion to approve August 7th, August 28th and September 11th regular and executive session minutes made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Nino Granatiero.

Councilor Schwager requested that the June 26th regular session minutes are amended again to include more language in Item 10c 'Discussion for search process for Town Manager'.

Ayes: Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(4) Consent Calendar

- (a) Reappointment of Jennifer Suellentrop to the Municipal Land Trust for a five-year term to expire October 1, 2022
- (b) Installation of a telephone pole on Grand View Drive

(c) Installation of a telephone pole on Hanaford Drive

(d) Installation of a telephone pole on Woodland Drive

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager.

Ayes: Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

(5) Unfinished Business

(a) Review of Town Council Rules and Guidelines

Item tabled until 10/2 for further review. Discussion ensued on addressing individual Councilor's concerns.

(6) New Business

(a) Extension of time for completion of Fry Brook Condominium Project Performance Bond Improvements.

Item was tabled.

(7) Town Manager's Report

None

(8) Council Comments

Councilor Schwager commented on the delay of the Town Manager's search and expects it to be addressed upon President Cienki's return.

Councilor Deutsch stated he would support Councilor Schwager's request to add an item to the agenda to address the issue.

(9) Public Comments (15 minute time limit)

Caryn Corenthall, 5 Brookfield Court, asked for a reason why questions have gone unanswered since April. Councilor Granatiero replied that he was not going to answer vague or general questions. She was adamant that questions should be answered by the Council President.

Alice Carney, 320 South Road, spoke highly about the professional services received from the Town's EMTs on several occasions while she was ill.

Mercedes McAndrew, 55 Greene Street, spoke about recent proceedings at Superior Court challenging the termination of FF James Perry and the appointment of the Town Manager.

Ed Field, 118 Pine Glen Drive, supported the consolidation of services to help control expenses.

Justin Cardones, 25 Eldredge Avenue, was disappointed about the proposed changes to the Town Council Rules and Guidelines; specifically number 24 and number 1.

Robert Vespia, Shippeetown Road, expressed his concerns over recent changes in management as it relates to cost savings and that real estate sales are slowing down.

Heather Tibbitts, 29 Hickory Drive, was concerned about the appointment of the Town Manager, the lack of financial data and monthly reporting and Council's leadership.

Tracie Truesdell requested minutes from the Clerk, reiterated that she wishes to be nominated to the search committee, disagreed with the removal of the Finance Report and asked if email was the best way to get non-vague questions answered.

Scott Parker, 2254 Division Road, commended Fire and Police, stated valet companies are putting him out of business and asked for rims to be replaced on basketball hoops at Eldredge Elementary.

(10) Executive Session

- (a) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2), sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, specifically to discuss the matter, Gendron v. Peixinho, KC-2016-0027, including, but not limited to the ratification of a settlement agreement reached in said matter.
- (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 and James Perry v. East Greenwich, KC-2017-0898.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (1), discussions concerning the job performance, character, or physical or mental health of a person in the employ of the Town of East Greenwich, provided that such person affected shall have been notified in advance in writing and advised that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

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

VP Todd noted that items 10a and 10d were being removed and only items 10b and 10c are being addressed.

Ayes: Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to return to Open Session made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager.

Ayes: Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to seal the Executive Session minutes made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Mark Schwager.

Ayes: Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn made by Andrew Deutsch, seconded by Nino Granatiero.

Ayes: Deutsch, Granatiero, Schwager, Todd

Motion Carried

Submitted By:

Leigh A. Carney, CMC
Town Clerk

Approved By Town Council:

(pending)

AUDIO AVAILABLE IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE