

**MINUTES**  
**Town Council**  
**Town of East Greenwich**  
**Regular Session**  
**March 13, 2017 @ 6:00pm**  
**Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818**

Roll Call

Town Council Present: S. Cienki, S. Todd, A. Deutsch, N. Granatiero, M. Schwager

Town Staff Present: T. Coyle, III, L. Carney, ARRIVED AT 7:00PM: K. Benoit, P. Clarkin, R. McGillivray, M. Sullivan, J. Duarte, C. Bradley, W. Schmidle, S. Brown, S. Cirella

6:00pm ~ Interviews for Boards and Commissions

- 6:00pm Derek Steinbrenner for Municipal Land Trust

Mr. Steinbrenner is currently on the Personnel Board but looking for a more active board. His background is in Human Resources and Financial Services. Since moving here in January 2016, he and his family have enjoyed the natural resources in Town. Happy Hearts and Boesch Farm were discussed and he recently spoke with Lisa Bourbonnais, Planning Director, to get more insight on how the board operates.

- 6:15pm Brian Warburton for Juvenile Hearing Board

Mr. Warburton and his wife have lived in Town for eight years. His wife is also on the Cove Commission. With a strong background in education, teaching and coaching, he has experience with many different age groups. He did apply last year but the board had many qualified applicants and he was not chosen at that time. After speaking with the Chairman, he supports the mission and functions of the board and the options it offers families.

- 6:30pm Thomas Kenworthy for Juvenile Hearing Board

Mr. Kenworthy has a strong background in the education field and he is currently the assistant Superintendent for the Portsmouth public school system. He has young children in the school system here in Town. There was a discussion about any interest in serving on other boards. He is familiar with Cumberland's board. The function of the Town's board was discussed.

- 6:45pm William Hangan for Juvenile Hearing Board

Rescheduled to March 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm ~ Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

## Acknowledgments

- William Sequino, Jr. for one year of service on the Housing Authority.
- George and Joyce Coleman for serving six years on the Senior and Community Center Advisory Council.
- Olivia Granatiero for being awarded the Gold Key Award for Jewelry
- Sydney Ellis for receiving an Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Art Awards Competition
- Alexander Clegg for serving on the Cove Management Commission

Olivia Granatiero was present to receive her commendation.

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

### 1) Town Council Minutes

- a) March 2, 2017 (Regular Session)

Councilor Deutsch moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Schwager. 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)

Caryn Corenthal, 5 Brookfield Court, voiced her concerns over some statistical data that was given out at the last Town Council meeting related to the percentage of people in Town using the school system.

Kate Goldman, 200 Kenyon Avenue, presented a petition signed by over 130 people (two of which were not East Greenwich residents) asking for meetings to be recorded and made available through public media channels such as YouTube.

### 3) Public Hearing

None

### 4) Consent Calendar

None

### 5) Unfinished Business

- a) An ORDINANCE in amendment of the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 248 Vehicles and Traffic, Article II Operation, Section 248-16 Throughways Designated

and Section 248-19 Multiway Stop Intersections removing Kent Drive at Allen Drive from the list of through streets, creating a three-way stop intersection at Kent Drive and Allen Drive and removing Great Road at Kent Drive, and Kent Drive at Great Road from the list of through streets (THIRD READING).

Mr. Duarte explained this action stems from resident's requests and he sees no conflicts.

VP Todd 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 34 Boards, Committees and Commissions adding Article X, IT Governance Council (THIRD READING).

The purpose of the Council, membership and legalities were discussed. The School Committee's concerns have been addressed.

VP Todd moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Deutsch.

It was noted that Fire and Police are included. Legal issues have been resolved and the language is appropriate as drafted.

Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

#### 6) New Business

- a) Award of bid to William Anthony Excavating, Inc., 3366 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown, RI 02852 for the construction of the Howland Farm Road Sewer Extension in the amount of \$444,587.80.

Mr. Duarte explained the reason and scope of the project including how both road improvement and sewer assessments will be handled. He expects completion by the end of summer.

VP Todd moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Deutsch.

Mr. Duarte explained the bid was unit based.

Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- b) Award of bid to Seascape Lawn Care, 1610 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816 for the fertilization and supplemental applications to Town and School properties.

Ms. Bradley explained the details of the bid and why she is recommending Seascape over the next highest bidder with only a \$120 difference.

VP Todd moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Schwager.

Paul Hazard with TruGreen, one of the three bidders, disputed the award claiming they were the lowest bidder. Ms. Bradley clarified that was not actual true based on the parameters she uses.

Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- c) An ORDINANCE in amendment of the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 152 Noise, Article I General Provisions, Section 152-4 to change the sound level on Sunday between Labor Day and the last weekend in September (FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION).

Mr. Coyle reported that the request came from Mark Finn, owner of the Harborside, to adjust the time from 7pm to 10pm to 4pm to 8pm. He found it to be reasonable as did the Chief of Police.

Mark Finn added that on any given Sunday, bands are only allowed to play to 8 o'clock pm unless the following Monday is a holiday.

VP Todd moved to approve and move to second reading and public hearing on March 27<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilor Deutsch.

VP Todd asked that an asterisk be added to the table to clarify that on holiday weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the allowable time on Sunday is 12pm midnight.

Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

- d) A RESOLUTION to amend the Liquor License Regulations to add Class T with a maximum number issued at one (1).

The Odeum is currently hiring outside vendors to supply alcoholic beverages and they are requesting their own license, as a non-profit theater, to save money and still provide the same services to patrons.

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

- e) An ORDINANCE to amend the Code of the Town of East Greenwich, Chapter 93 Fees, Article I Fee Schedule, Section 93-1 Schedule of Fees and Charges to add Class T to the Alcoholic Beverage License Fees, Annual (FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION).

This amendment would add the fee for Class T at \$200.

Councilor Deutsch moved to approve and schedule for second reading and public hearing on March 27<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilor Schwager. Voted 5-0 all in favor, motion carried.

Ms. Carney clarified that the fee of \$215 for the transfer of a license was added in place of the language for what it covers so that the fee is actually part of the schedule now.

7) Town Manager's Report

Mr. Coyle reported that he has met with EMA officials and all Department Staff to deal with the anticipated snow storm.

8) Council Comments

President Cienki explained that the bid results for the RFQ for Multimedia Public Relations were due today and therefore, not on the agenda for approval. She clarified that the purpose of the bid was to support the Council's approach to redesign the website, go paperless during meetings using Novus Agenda and give more transparency to the budget process now that the Financial Town Meeting has been eliminated. She also spoke about utilizing a variety of media types depending on the message and the costs and concerns associated with videotaping meetings. Other topics she spoke on were the LEAN initiative which is designed to attract businesses to Town. Also, the RI Commerce Corporation is asking all cities and towns to look for 20 acre parcels to support commercial business. President Cienki noted that the Town's liability for pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) is over \$86 million not \$73 million as she wrote in her recent editorial, and this needs to be addressed. In closing, she stated that the RFQ is an open process and the recommendation to award the bid will be made by the Town Manager and IT Director.

Councilor Deutsch added that Councilors are here to help and welcomed calls from constituents.

Councilor Schwager asked for more information on the pension liabilities based on State requirements.

VP Todd donated four tickets to the Frenchtown Parent Teachers Group to attend the Beach Ball in June at the Dune's Club to benefit the East Greenwich Education Foundation.

9) Public Comment (15-minute time limit)

None

10) Executive Session per RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5) acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes.

There was no motion for Executive Session.

Leigh A. Carney, CMC  
Town Clerk

**APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL MARCH 27, 2017**