

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, June 8, 2006 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:03 PM. Council President Richard presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll. Roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Salisbury --present	Councilman Farrar -- present
Councilman Marchant -- present	Councilman Winfield--present
Councilman Marcello -- present	Council Vice-President Budway --absent
Council President Richard – present	

The first agenda item is a Police Department promotion. Chief Mack introduced Captain Steven Bremges who is a 26 year veteran of the department. Chief Mack said that Captain Bremges joined the department in 1980, he was promoted to sergeant in 1990, in 2002 he was appointed the Schools first Resource Officer and in 2005 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Chief Mack said that Captain Bremges has an excellent record and that he is the father of 4 children Matt, Brian, Paige and McKenzie. Captain Bremges wife Shawn pinned him with his new Captains badge. The Council adjourned for coffee at 7:11 PM.

Council reconvened after coffee and the closed session at 7:50 PM.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marcello to dispense with the first reading of the ordinance for the Town Council President or designee to declare a state of emergency.

Council President Richard explained that this was requested by the Governor's Office so they will know who to contact in a state of emergency. He said that he hopes that the Town will never have to use it but it will be there just in case.

Motion called and voted by a roll call vote:

Councilman Marcello-aye	Councilman Salisbury-aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Councilman Marchant-aye
Councilman Winfield-aye	Council President Richard-aye

Motion passes with 6 affirmative votes and no negative votes.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by roll call vote to close the Public Hearing.

Councilman Marcello-aye	Councilman Salisbury-aye
Councilman Winfield-aye	Councilman Farrar-aye
Councilman Marchant-aye	Council President Richard-aye

Motion passes with 6 affirmative and no negative votes.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by roll call to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2006 Council meeting.

Councilman Marchant-aye	Councilman Marcello-aye
Councilman Salisbury-aye	Councilman Farrar-aye
Council President Richard-aye	Councilman Winfield-abstained

Motion passed with 5 affirmative votes and one abstention.

Councilman Winfield recused himself from the next agenda item.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2006 Council meeting.

During departmental reports, Town Clerk Long informed the Council about the grant that her office recently received. She wanted to thank Peggy Pinkey for securing a \$250 grant from the Rhode Island Foundation for restoring our Town Meetings Book 1820-1865.

Richard Iverson, Director of Public Works informed the Council that he is working very hard organizing the period lighting project for North Scituate Village. He said that he is still identifying the poles the lights will go on and he said that the State has secured the Electrician to do the work. He said that the project will soon be able to go out for bid.

He also mentioned that the summer concert series has been planned. It will be held on Wednesday evening in July at the Hope Park and Wednesday nights in August at the Gazebo in North Scituate. He said that the fireworks have been planned to take place at Hope Mill this year, he informed the Council that the Hope Jackson Fire Company has solicited donations from the Community and they will need about \$2000 from the Town. Mr. Iverson said that he will take the money out of his Recreation budget. He also said that he has two Public Works Employees out of work due to injuries. He said that one has a doctor's note for 2 more weeks and the other has one for 4 more weeks. He said that is planning a meeting with Beacon Mutual to inquire about IOD insurance.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that the tax bills will be mailed out shortly.

Judy Loven, Director of Senior Services, said that the Center is very busy and that she is running 2 buses daily. She also said that the Center will celebrate an anniversary in June.

Mr. Tucker said that four houses in Frosty Valley have recently flooded with all of the heavy rain we have been having. He said that it was not a major flood.

Council President Richard said that since the fire fighters have been working very hard to help with the flooding, he authorized Richard Tucker to pay for food for them.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to place and file all departmental reports.

During audience participation Chris O'Rourke, 544 Central Pike said that he has been having a lot of problems with illegal hunting and shooting in his neighborhood. He said that recently someone walked out of his woods with a gun. He said that this is turning into a real problem and was wondering what could be done about it.

Chief Mack said that the DEM rule is that you can't hunt with a gun within 500 foot of a dwelling. He said that if you want to shoot in your backyard, you could, just as long as you are not hunting.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to accept with regret the resignation of Robert Morse from the Hope Village Overlay Committee District Review Committee.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Patt Russo, Tax Collector for a term expiring June 2007.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Judith Loven to the Western RI Home Repair for a term expiring June 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to table the re-appointment to the Pawtuxet River Authority.

Town Clerk Long explained that she recently received a letter of resignation from Alfred P. Smith from the Pawtucket River Authority and that is the reason for tabling of the reappointment.

Motion made by Councilman Farrar, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Michael Langlais, Dean Huff and Fred Faria to the Hope Village Overlay District Review Committee for a term expiring June 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Marcello and voted by consent agreement to appoint the Emergency Preparedness Plan Committee as required by FEMA for a term expiring June 2007. (list herewithin)

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to table the appointment of the Board of Canvasser Alternate Member.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Farrar and voted by a roll call vote to open the Public Hearing for the issuance of a One-Day liquor License.

Councilman Salisbury-aye	Councilman Marchant-aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Councilman Winfield-aye
Council President Richard-aye	Councilman Marcello-aye

Motion passes, at this time Councilman Marcello recused himself from the issuance of the license.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Farrar to approve the issuance of a One-Day Liquor License to Edward Simone, d/b/a Corner Bistro, 1115 Chopmist Hill Road, discussion followed:

Councilman Salisbury asked Mr. Simone where this benefit is going to be held.

Mr. Simone explained that this is a benefit motorcycle ride for a young girl with a debilitating muscular disease. He said that his restaurant the Corner Bistro will be the first stop for about 300 riders. He explained that they will stop have a beer or two and collect their poker cards. They will do this at a total of 5 stops then whoever has the best hand wins a prize.

Councilman Salisbury asked where the liquor is going to be served.

Mr. Simone said that it will have to be outdoors since the restaurant can't fit 300 people.

Councilman Salisbury suggested that they rope off the parking lot so there will not be people drinking all over the place.

Mr. Simone said that he willing to do whatever necessary. He said that he will hiring a detail officer, clear the area and serve the liquor in paper cups.

Councilman Salisbury said that he might need three officers and a cruiser and have the area contained.

Council President Richard asked the Chief Mack what his professional opinion would be.

Chief Mack said to have two detail officers, have the parking lot roped off and have the cruiser at the other end of the driveway. He said that since this is a charity event he will not charge Mr. Simone for the cruiser just the detail officers.

Councilman Winfield said since the neighbors have not been notified he would be against the issuance of this license.

Town Clerk Long explained that with a One-Day Liquor License that the neighbors do not have to be notified and that we have never notified the neighbors in the past.

Motion called:

Councilman Marchant-aye

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilman Winfield-nay

Councilman Farrar-aye

Council President Richard-aye

Motion passes with 4 affirmative votes and 1 negative vote.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Farrar and voted by a roll call vote to closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to approve the Private Investigators License for Timothy C. Homerston, 535 Central Pike for a term expiring December 2006.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to allow the joint pole location on pole 77 Bungy Road with Richard Iverson approval.

Chris Modisette addressed the Council about the Scituate Reservoir Watershed Greenspace Project. He explained that the purpose of this project is to assist our community to identify and map the entire network of natural, cultural and recreational resources that we believe are important to protect. The work will be completed free of charge to the Town of Scituate. This is meant to be a community-based plan. Community insight and participation is critical to the success of this project.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to approve the Scituate Reservoir Watershed Greenspace Project.

Council President Richard wanted to thank Mr. Modisette for the many years of hard work and dedication he has devoted to the Town. He will be sorely missed on the Land Trust and Conservation Committee.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to allow a third dog for Gary Wallace, Alfalfa Drive.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to table the discussion of the dog nuisance ordinance.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by a roll call vote to approve the three-year delta Dental contract with increases of 5%, 6% and 6%.

Councilman Marcello-nay

Councilman Winfield-aye

Councilman Marchant-aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Council President Richard-aye

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Motion passes with 5 affirmative and 1 negative vote.

Town Solicitor David D'Agostino gave the Council an update on the Worker's Compensation Act. He said that he has contacted the Trust about coming to a work session to explain options to the Council.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to table the discussion of the excessive use of ATV's.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Farrar to table the discussion of the resolution to amend the Farm, Forest and Open Space Act.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Farrar to authorize the Town Council to write a letter to the residents in regards to the school bond vote. Discussion followed:

Council President Richard said that he thought there is a lot of misinformation about the school bond issue is out in the Community. He feels that the Council should write a letter to the residents of the Town explaining why the Council is supporting this bond issue. He feels that if the Council explains in the letter the financial consequence of the 5 million versus the 18 million-dollar plan. He wants voters to have as much information as possible.

June Guglielmi, 55 Highland Terrace said that she has heard about a lot of confusion on which way to vote.

Denise Saran, Davis Road asked if this bond issue doesn't pass will the school lose its accreditation.

Council president Richard said that we need to move forward with a plan or they could drop our rating.

June Guglielmi said that these renovations have to be done no matter what. That they were also in the 18 million-dollar plan.

Councilman Marcello said that he doesn't feel like there is a crisis and that it is unfair to put other scenarios in the letter since the people couldn't vote on them.

Councilman Salisbury said that he feels that the letter should contain different scenarios and how much each plan will cost us 10 years down the road.

Councilman Marcello said that at the last School Space Needs Committee meeting it was unanimous of the people attending, not to support this bond issue.

Councilman Winfield said that he would like to have a new school but the Town can't afford it.

Council President Richard said that Senator Leo Blais called him and informed him that the resolution passed at the State House.

Councilman Marcello stated that he is against the bond issue for many reasons but especially because the people don't have a choice between different options. He also

feels that the voting process is bad, voting in one polling place from 9-5:30 then again at the High school from 8-9:30. He feels that this is inconvenient to the people with young children in Town. Also that people are able to vote all day long before hearing any type of presentation. He feels that it is a knee jerk reaction and that we should just put it on a ballot in November. He feels that the voters deserve a choice.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded Councilman Farrar and voted by consent agreement to pay early expenses of \$115,381.92, regular Council expenses of \$20,897.36, supplemental Council expenses of 29,098.35 and additional supplemental Council expenses of \$49,095.88 for a total of \$ 214,473.51.

During Council remarks, Councilman Salisbury said that he is announcing that he will not be seeking re-election and he wanted to add that it has nothing to do with the unsettled tax dispute with the Providence Water Supply Board.

Councilman Farrar said that he is working on the Scituate Olde Home Days and the Committee is looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year. He said that if anyone has any questions or problems they could contact the committee Chairman Jeff Cathcart.

Council President Richard said that he is not seeking re-election; he said that he has served on the Town Council for 10 years as its President. He said that he is very honored to have served the community.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement at 9:15PM to adjourn to closed session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A) 2-Litigation-Bentley's Tavern.

Reconvened at 9:29 PM.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marcello and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 9:30 PM and to keep the minutes of the meeting previously closed to the public; closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 and allow the Town Clerk 14 days to prepare the minutes of the meeting.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk