

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, January 11, 2007 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:32 PM. Council Vice-President Budway 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
Councilwoman Knowlton-present	Councilman Winfield--present
Councilman Collins-present	Council Vice-President Budway --present
Councilman D'Agostino-absent	

Councilman Salisbury said that it is an honor to nominate Council Vice-President Robert Budway as Council President. He said that Mr. Budway is extremely qualified for the position and he has shown that with his invaluable service as Vice-President.

Motion made Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Farrar and voted by consent agreement to elect Robert Budway as Town Council President.

Councilman Salisbury said it is a pleasure to nominate Councilman Dwight Farrar as Town Council Vice-President. Councilman Salisbury stated that Mr. Farrar has done an exceptional job in his first 2 years on the Council, and he knows he will do the same caliber of work as Vice-President.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to elect Dwight Farrar as Town Council Vice-President.

Council President Budway thanked the Council for their faith in him and said that he is glad to have Mr. Farrar as Vice-President. He said that he plans on doing what former Town Council President Richard said "just do the right thing." He said that when elected officials are conducting Town business, it is their responsibility to do their homework and be prepared for a meaningful discussion. That they all should put their personal agendas aside and do what is best for the Town.

Council President Budway said that they have a very busy time ahead of them with the upcoming budget hearing and he hopes that the new members of the Council get up to speed as soon as possible. He said that if there is anything that he can do to help or any of the department Heads, please let him know.

Council President Budway also said that he agreed with what Senator Whitehouse said at the Installation of Town Officers; that the offices that we hold are not ours, we are only serving for a temporary time, and that it is so important to do the right thing at all times.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to approve the December 14, 2006 Town Council minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to table the approval of the minutes of the Closed Session of December 14, 2006.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2006 Special Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the abatements of \$272.22.

During departmental reports, Town Clerk Long reminded the Council about the League of Cities and Towns Annual Convention and Dinner to be held on January 25, 2007 and the annual Trust dinner to be held on January 17, 2007. She also told them about the upcoming budget hearings.

Richard Iverson, Director of Public Works, told the Council that this year we have received the least amount of snow in the past 26 years.

David Provonsil, Building Official, congratulated the new members of the Council and said that he is looking forward to working with them.

Council President Budway asked Chief Mack about the new pistols that are now in service.

Chief Mack explained that they are semi-auto pistols and are the same caliber as the previous guns, but feature a double action only trigger.

Councilman Salisbury asked Chief Mack about the applicant that we recently sent to the Municipal Police Academy. He said that since this is going to be an extremely bad budget year with the new State mandated tax cap reduction, maybe it might be a good idea to hold off making him an employee.

Chief Mack explained that once the new candidate started the academy he was a Town employee.

Councilman Winfield asked Chief Mack if the burglaries in the Town have subsided.

Chief Mack said yes and that the investigation is still ongoing, but some of the jewelry has been recovered.

Council President Budway asked Richard Tucker the status of Potterville's rescue truck.

Richard Tucker, Emergency Management Director, said it can not be fixed but the insurance company has agreed to pay the claim.

Judy Loven, Director of Senior Services, said that department of Elderly Affairs will come to the Senior Center once a month to help with all of the confusion about Medicare part D.

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

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to approve the Town Council schedule.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted on by consent agreement to approve the pole location on White Birch Circle.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint the General Town Officers for a term expiring January 2008. (list herewith)

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Donald A. McCall, Albert Langlais and

Richard A. Mumford to the Minimum Housing Board of Review for a term expiring January 2008.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Winfield to re-appoint the Police Constables for a term expiring January 2008. (list herewith)

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint David Provonsil to the Plan Commission for a term expiring January 2012.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint David L. Hanna, Jr. and Jeremiah Allen to be alternate members of the Plan Commission for a term expiring January 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Richard Pincince and Christopher Mason to the Wastewater Management Citizen's Advisory Group for a term expiring January 2008.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint John Winfield and Robert Budway to the Incentive Committee for a term expiring January 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Joan Corey, Carol Costa and Richard Iverson to the Scituate Recreation Committee for a term expiring January 2010.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Fritz Benz to the Zoning Board of Review for a term expiring January 2012.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to appoint Thomas Stones, Merritt Crowley and Steven Gaddes as alternate members of the Zoning Board of Review for a term expiring January 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to reappoint Robert Salley of the Building Board of Review for a term expiring January 2010.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to appoint the Budget Committee for a term expiring January 2008. (list herewith).

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to confirm the Town Clerk's re-appointment of Gail Chatfield as Deputy Town Clerk for a term expiring January 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to confirm the Town Treasurer's re-appointment of Sandra Young as Deputy Town Treasurer for a term expiring January 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the resolution to the Town of Scituate Flexible Spending Plan. (copy herewithin).

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to table the approval of the rules of conduct for Town Council meetings.

Council President Budway asked Richard Tucker if he could give a brief overview of the responsibilities of the proposed Fire Marshall.

Richard Tucker said that currently each Fire Company handles their own fire inspections and smoke detector inspection with the volunteer Fire Marshall in their station.

Richard Tucker said that sometimes it is very hard to schedule an inspection, which could hold up the sale of a house. By appointing one town wide Fire Marshall with a stipend, this will allow more flexibility and have it be easier to schedule an appointment. It will also tighten up the inspection process and make it uniform throughout the Town. He feels that this will be much more people-friendly.

Richard Tucker said that the fire investigations will still be the responsibility of each individual department.

Councilman Collins asked if by the appointing this person, will it make the Town liability if something goes wrong?

Council Vice-President Farrar said that the Council is not appointing this person, they are only agreeing to give the Fire Engineering Board the money.

Councilman Salisbury said that he feels this is a good idea, and it will make a lot of people happy.

Councilwoman Knowlton agreed with Councilman Salisbury.

Councilman Collins asked what will happen to the money collected for fire inspections.

Richard Tucker said that by State law it will have to be used for fire prevention and education.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to approve the allocation of \$3,000 to the Fire Engineering Board for the hiring of a Fire Marshall for the remainder of this budget year, and to provide some money for start up costs.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to table the discussion of the Chief Mack's employment agreement until the final papers can be ready.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay early expenses of \$230,379.71, regular Council expenses of \$14,500.29 and supplemental Council expenses of \$128,062.59 for a total of \$372,062.59.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by roll call to open the Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Knowlton-aye

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilman Collins-aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar-aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion carries the Public Hearing is now open.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to approve the second reading of the Nuisance Dog Ordinance. Voted as follows:

Councilman Winfield-aye	Councilman Salisbury-aye
Councilwoman Knowlton-nay	Councilman Collins-aye
Council Vice-President Farrar-aye	Council President Budway-aye

A motion carries with 5 affirmative and 1 negative vote.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to table the first reading of the amendment to the No-Thru Trucking Ordinance to add Central Avenue until we can ascertain if it is a Town or State road.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to approve the first reading of the amendment to the Stop sign ordinance to include Red Cedar Road.

Motion made by Councilwoman Knowlton, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by roll call vote to close the Public Hearing.

Councilman Winfield-aye	Councilman Salisbury-aye
Councilwoman Knowlton-aye	Councilman Collins-aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	Council Vice-President Farrar-aye
Council President Budway-aye	

Motion carries the Public Hearing is closed.

During Council comments, Councilman Collins wanted to thank the Scituate Police Honor guard for their participation in the Installation of Officers and what an excellent job they did. He also wanted to thank the Town Clerk's staff, especially Peggy Pinkey for making the Installation of officers such a success.

Council Vice-President Farrar wanted to thank the Council for electing him Vice-President and also to welcome the new members.

He also wanted to ask if the meeting could be closed in honor of a long time resident Leo Boyle who recently passed away. He said that Mr. Boyle was on the Zoning Board of Review for many years. He said that his thoughts and prayers are with his family at this difficult time and asked in there could be a page reserved in his name in the Town Council minutes book.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilwomen Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 8:45 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