

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, July 12, 2007 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:32 PM. Council President Budway presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Council President Budway asked the Town Clerk to call the roll:

Roll call vote as follows:

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

First one the agenda is a presentation to Ruth Trainor on her retirement from the Juvenile Hearing Board. Chief Mack presented with a proclamation thanking her for her hard work on Board. He said that she has served in the capacity as Chairman of the Board since the inception of the Board.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, and seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar to open the Public Hearing. Roll call:

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

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins, and voted by consent agreement to approve the first reading of the Outdoor Entertainment Ordinance. Councilman Winfield recused himself from this agenda item.

Motion made by Council Vice President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the One Day Liquor License for the Hope Jackson Fire Department.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by roll call vote to close the Public hearing.

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

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the regular Council minutes of June 14, 2007.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to table the minutes of the closed session of June 14, 2007.

During Departmental Reports, Town Clerk Long explained that in the final hours of the General Assembly session, they voted to increase the record restoration fee and the fee for a copy of a vital record. She explained that the majority of the increase will go

to the State not to the Town. She also said that the passport processing time has increased with the surge in new passport requests.

Richard Iverson and David Provonsil updated the Council on the progress of the Lawton Field project. They said that the Conservation Committee met with them and they all agreed on an area that is to be cleared. They said that it is approximately a 4 acre lot and that Councilman Salisbury mowed the area at no cost to the Town. They said that the Pop Warner Football League said that the area will need grading and to have some loam put down. They are currently in the process of getting prices. They said that they will meet with representatives of the League and see what needs to be done and how much it will cost. The League said that they will pay for the improvements.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that he has visited the field and doesn't think that it will need a tremendous amount of work.

At this time it was decided that Messrs. Iverson & Provonsil and Councilmen Farrar and Salisbury will meet with members of the Pop Warner Football League.

Councilwoman Knowlton said that the field will have lights on from 6 PM to 8:30 PM.

Councilman Winfield said that he doesn't agree with the lighting of the field because it will cost the Town more money and that will add more costs to the taxpayers. He also said that he doesn't remember the Chopmist Hill fields having lights.

Councilman Collins said that there are lights at the Chopmist Hill fields, and that we should try to keep everything the same.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that he doesn't have a problem with lights, just so long as they are not permanent, only temporary lights that can be removed at the end of the season.

Council President Budway said that the lighting issue will have to be a specific proposal in writing so that everyone is on the same page.

Richard Iverson, Director of Public Works said that the blueprint of the new garage is done and invited the Council to come up and take a look at the location. He said that he is in the process of having the diesel tank moved.

Council Vice-President Farrar asked Mr. Iverson what the next step is.

Mr. Iverson said to get the bid specifications and hopefully the project will be completed by the fall.

Council Vice-President Farrar asked if the phone system has been fixed in the Building Office.

Mr. Iverson said that the phone system has been repaired.

Chief Mack said that Police department has been awarded a \$4150.00 grant for the prevention of underage drinking and smoking.

Richard Tucker, Emergency Management Director, said that FEMA has changed the rules for reimbursing communities for hurricane damage. He said that if a community does not have a debris management plan, they will not be able to ask for reimbursement for damage. He said that if a Town does have one, then they will get 5% more than in the past.

Council Vice-President Farrar thanked Mr. Tucker for all of his hard work and for always keeping the Council well informed.

Judy Loven, Director of Senior Services said that she has received food coupons for the elderly to the farmers Market. She also said that that on July 25<sup>th</sup> she will be having entertainment at the Senior Center.

Council President Budway said that he recently saw pictures of the eagle project that was done at the center and that the new flag pole and garden are very nice.

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

Under audience participation, Council President Budway asked if anyone in the audience would like to address an agenda item first. After that, if there is anyone that has anything other than an agenda item, we will then consider that.

John McEvoy, 126 Clarke Road, Hope asked if there will be porta-johns at Lawton farm?

Richard Iverson said that there are port john's at all athletic fields, which the Town pays for.

Tim McCormick, 428 Trimtown Road, North Scituate stated that the temporary lighting that is used at the football field is not noisy and that the lights are really only used after the time change in the fall.

Mr. McCormick also wanted to mention the proposed renovations at the Middle/High School complex. He said that the committee should start working so that this project can be started soon.

Councilman Salisbury, Chairman of the Building Committee, assured Mr. McCormick that the Committee will be meeting soon, and that Dr. Lescault is in the process of getting all of the information to the Rhode Island Department of Education.

John Allen, 103 Main Street, Hope asked if the Council knew what houses are going to be tied into the sewer system if the Hope Mill Project gets approved, and if the council is planning on having any meetings in Hope to educate the residents.

Council President Budway said that the Town has given the project a conditional approval, just as long as they do their part. He also said that once the design of the project is in place that the Council will have a meeting with the residents to explain the project.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to reappoint George Smith, Electrical Inspector for a term expiring July 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Fred Trapassi, Jr. to the Juvenile Hearing Board for a term expiring July 2010.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and vote by consent agreement to appoint Fritz Benz, 164 Elmdale Road to Pawtuxet River Authority for a term expiring June 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton to approve the joint pole location on Trimtown Road with the stated changes, which are it is to have a push pole instead of a guide pole.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to award the bid for the police cars to the only bidder MHQ for the bid price of \$51,626.00 for one police car.

Chief Mack said that he budgeted \$52,000 for the car so it is coming in under budget. Also he wanted to tell the Council that he notified both Chevy and Dodge dealerships and told them about the bid and still he had only one bid.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to approve July 2007 abatements in the amount of \$2,282.57 and additions in the amount of \$11,820.38.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to pay early expenses of\$ 348,426.25 regular Council expenses of \$22,632.91and supplemental Council expenses of \$18,011.87 for a total of \$389,071.03.

During Council remarks, Councilman Collins said that he has heard the rumor that part of the Hope Mill is going to be sold to the Coventry Housing Authority. Council President Budway said that the proposed memorandum of agreement that is to be signed shortly is also binding to whoever purchases the property.

He also mentioned that the gates at this site still have not been put back up.

Council Vice-President Farrar wanted to congratulate Wayne Harris for being voted citizen of the year at the Scituate Olde Home days. Also he wanted to thank Jeff Cathcart and Sal Lombardi for all of their hard work making Scituate olde Home Days such a great success.

Council President Budway wanted to say that he is very happy that Council Vice-President Farrar is here with them this evening after his accident

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to table the closed session about PWSB scheduled for this evening.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by roll call vote to adjourn to executive session at 8:50 PM pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-45-46-5 (A) 2 Litigation-employee/employer tax liability issues and to allow Town Solicitor D'Agostino and Richard Tucker to attend.

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilwoman Knowlton-aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilman Collins-aye

Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Meeting reconvened at 10:05 PM.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to form a Committee for the review of Fire and Rescue Services in the Town and have this committee consist of Council Vice-President Farrar,

Councilman Collins, Town Solicitor David D'Agostino, Richard Tucker, Ted Pryzbyla, Vin Ragosta and Thomas Vignali.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 10:07 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.

Please refer to electronic tape for complete discussion.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk