

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, December 13, 2007 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:35. PM. Council 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 Collins-- present
Councilman D'Agostino -- present	Councilwoman Knowlton-present
Councilman Winfield -- present	Council Vice-President Farrar --present
Council President Budway-- present	

The first item on the agenda is the swearing in of Rodney Moreau as a probational Police Officer. At this time, Chief William Mack asked Mr. Moreau to come forward for the oath of office. Chief Mack told the Council that Mr. Moreau graduated from Seekonk High School and Stone Hill College. He enlisted in the Army reserves in May 2005 as a specialist. He is currently a First Lieutenant in the RI Army National Guard. He graduated from the RI Municipal Police Academy on November 30, 2007.

At this time Chief Mack administered the oath of office.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by roll call vote to open the Public hearing for the renewals of Junk and Second Hand sales licenses.

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

Motion passes the Public Hearing is open.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to approve the renewal of the Junk license for Harry J. Hall III, expiring December 31, 2008, pending the payment of all taxes and compliance with all Town Ordinances.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to renew the Second Hand Sales Licenses, expiring December 31, 2008, pending the payment of all taxes and compliance with all Scituate Ordinances. (list herewith)

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

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

Motion passes and the Public Hearing is closed.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to approve the Firearm Sales licenses, pending the payment

of all taxes, and compliance with all Scituate Ordinances expiring December 31, 2008.
(list herewith)

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to approve the Hawker's and Peddler's licenses pending the payment of all taxes and compliance with all Scituate Ordinances expiring December 31, 2008 (list herewith).

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to approve the Private Investigators licenses expiring December 2008. (list herewith)

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the November 8, 2007 Town Council minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to approve the November 13, 2007 Special Town Council minutes with corrections noted.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the November 8, 2007 closed session minutes with corrections noted.

During departmental reports, Councilman Winfield said that the computer monitors in the Town Clerk's office should be shut off to save electricity.

Town Clerk Long said that she was under the impression that it is harmful to shut off the monitors. She said that she will check with Mark Diluglio and if she is wrong she will send a memo to all departments reminding them to shut the computer monitors off.

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

Motion made Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the Tax Assessor's abatements in the amount of \$7,592.73 and additions in the amount \$4407.64.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to reappoint Chief William Mack, Captain David Randall, David D'Agostino, Richard Iverson, Gerald Rounds and Edwin Rogers to the Traffic Safety Committee for a term expiring December 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to reappoint Thomas W. Angell and Jon K. Vernava to the Conservation Committee for a term expiring December 2010.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to reappoint Margaret M. Long the Blood Coordinator for a term expiring December 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to reappoint Thomas W. Angell, Ruth Strach and Jon K. Vernava to the Land Trust for a term expiring December 2012.

Motion made Councilwoman Knowlton, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to approve the joint pole location on Crestview Drive with Mr. Iverson's approval.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to accept with regret the resignation of Paul Dolan from the Conservation Commission and Land Trust.

President Budway said that Mr. Dolan has been very instrumental in acquiring land for preservation in the Town. He said that his expertise and hard work will be greatly missed.

Councilman Winfield said that he thought the Council should invite him to a meeting and present him with a Town plate for all of his service to the Town.

During discussion and/or approval, Council President Budway said that he feels that the process for the replacement of the retiring employees should be that a job description should be written for each job and then reviewed by the Council. He said that once the responsibilities have been identified, that an ad should be placed in the Providence Journal. Once the ad is placed, then give 30 days for application to be submitted to the Council. At that time, a Committee should be established with 2 council members and one person from the general public to interview the candidates. This process should not take any more that 30 days to complete the interviews. He also said that he feels that the position of Public Works Director and Emergency Management Director should be combined. He said that this was the way it was done for years and that this will save the Town money.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that he agrees with Council President Budway's recommendations. He feels that the Recreation Director Position should also revert to a separate part-time position as it was in the past.

Council President Budway agrees saying that the Recreation Director Position was always part-time, but when Mr. Iverson became Director of Public Works he had the expertise and education to perform that job too.

Councilman Salisbury asked who will write the job descriptions.

Council President Budway said that there is already one, but that he will sit down with Mr. Iverson to review it and make corrections and additions.

Councilwoman Knowlton said that she would like to participate in that process.

Council President Budway said that would be good and thanked her for her offer of help.

Councilwoman Knowlton wanted to inform the Council that she feels that the Fire Engineering Board will not like having the two positions combined.

Councilman Winfield said that this is the way it always before and that it will be a money saving idea.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that he will speak to the Fire Engineering Board and find out their concerns.

Councilman Salisbury asked if the job description will be ready for the next Council meeting, so that the Council can look it over.

Council President Budway said that it will be in time for the Council meeting. He said that with hard budget times ahead it is important to try to save money and consolidate services.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that he would like to be on the committee also.

Council President Budway told the Council that the budget sessions will begin after the first of the New Year. He said that he instructed all department heads to put in for a 3.5% raise in all non-union positions. He said that he also instructed the department heads to not allow their total budget to exceed a 3% increase. He said that if a department can't remain within those specifications then he asked them to provide supporting documentation.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay early expenses of \$173,353.10, addendum to early expenses \$77.00, regular Council expenses of \$44,553.61, and supplemental Council expenses of \$ 191,125.44 for a total of \$409,109.15.

During Council remarks, Council Vice-President Farrar wanted to close the meeting in honor of Leon Edwards, who was a former Council member. He instructed Town Clerk Long to reserve a page in the minute's book in his honor.

Councilwoman Knowlton informed the Council that there is grant money from RI Resource Recovery for the salary of a Recycling Coordinator. She said that the grant is for a two-year period and said that they claim that after the two years the saving from recycling will pay the salary of the position. She also said that it doesn't have to be a full time position, it can be combined with another position and they will pay for the portion that is doing recycling.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by a roll call vote to adjourn to closed session at 8:15 PM pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A)2-Collective Bargaining-Police Department and Litigation update on the PWSB negotiations -and R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (A) 1- Discussion of job performance, character or physical or mental health of a person or persons, and to allow Chief Mack and Town Solicitor D'Agostino to attend the two regarding the Police and to allow Town Solicitor D'Agostino and Ted Richard to attend the closed session regarding the PWSB.

Councilman Winfield-aye

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilman Collins-aye

Councilwoman Knowlton -aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion carries. Adjourned to closed session.

Reconvened at 9:25 PM.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted in consent agreement to reaffirm the vote taken in closed session to allow an extra 11 days of sick time to be granted to Patrol Officer Corcaran.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 9:26 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