

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, January 10, 2008 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, Town Clerk Long called the roll. Roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Knowlton, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the December 13, 2007 Town Council minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to table the approval of the minutes of the Closed Session of December 13, 2007.

During departmental reports, Town Clerk Long reminded the Council about the upcoming budget hearings.

Chief Mack told the Council that he will be placing an ad for Police Officers; he said that by September 2008 he could have 2-3 vacancies. He said that he will need to interview and test to compile a new list to choose from.

Councilman Salisbury asked if that is a good idea with the upcoming budget crisis.

Chief Mack said that he can not run an 18 person department with 15, if you still want to have the same services and to be in conformance with the union contract pertaining to minimum staffing levels.

Richard Tucker, Emergency Management Director, told the Council that he, Richard Iverson and David Provonsil attended a meeting held by the School Department pertaining to Emergency Procedures. He said that this meeting was to get a procedure to notify parents in case of early dismissal from school. He said the meeting was an open forum to get suggestions from all different agencies with in the Town. He said that they are trying to formulate an incident command structure. One other suggestion was to check the frequencies on the towers so the bus drivers do not have any black out zones within the Town. He said that there will be more meeting and that he will keep the Council informed on the progress.

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

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the abatements of \$491.02 and additions of \$2,991.66.

During audience participation, Mr. John Gorham asked to address the Council about the recent passing of long time Town Clerk Elizabeth Fiske. He said that Betty was Town Clerk for 10 years and Deputy Town Clerk for many years before that. He said that she was a very influential person in Town both civically and politically. Mr.

Gorham said that since 1875 there have been only eight Town Clerks. He said that Betty became Town Clerk after Donald McCall passed away while serving in office. He said that during her tenure there were a lot of changes in zoning and planning and that she modernized the office. Mr. Gorham said that she was one of the smartest people he has ever met. He said that she was very instrumental in the formation of the first Art Festival Committee and the festival. He said that she was very good friends with Jane Foccarelli even though they had completely different political preferences. He said that Mrs. Fiske loved to travel and was active right up to the present. He said that she will be greatly missed.

Mr. Richard Petching, Westcott Road said that there is currently a bill in the General Assembly concerning making English the official language in the State of Rhode Island. He said that he would like the Council to pass a resolution in favor of this bill and send a copy to both the Governor and Representative Carol Mumford. He said that he spoke with Representative Mumford and she said that she will support the bill. He said that he feels that this legislation needs support from the people of the State.

Council President Budway said that he will have it on the agenda next month for the Council to discuss. He said that he would support this legislation.

Tim McCormick, Trimtown Road, said that he feels that it is important that the School space Needs Committee have a meeting to review the enrollment numbers. He said that the School Committee is discussing a new proposal for the renovations to the High School/Middle School Complex and he feels that all of the bases should be covered and it is very important that this Committee to review the enrollment numbers.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the 2008 Town Council schedule.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to appoint Donald Blackmore to the Western RI Home Repair Board of Directors for a term expiring June 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to accept the resignation with regret of Diane Medbury from the Zoning Board of Review.

Council President Budway instructed Town Clerk Long to send her a letter of appreciation.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint the General Town Officers for a term expiring January 2009. (list herewith)

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, 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 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins to re-appoint the Police Constables for a term expiring January 2009. (list herewith)

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Lester Young to the Plan Commission for a term expiring January 2013.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins 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 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, 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 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Joseph Augustine, Karen Mattera and Donna Faria to the Scituate Recreation Committee for a term expiring January 2011.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Paul Durfee to the Zoning Board of Review for a term expiring January 2013.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to appoint Zoning Board Alternate Steven Gaddes to the Zoning Board of Review for the unexpired term of Diane Medbury for a term expiring January 2010.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to appoint Thomas Stones and Merritt Crowley as alternate members of the Zoning Board of Review for a term expiring January 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to reappoint Randolph Forgue to the Building Board of Review for a term expiring January 2013.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to reappoint Mona Pearlman to the Housing Authority for a term expiring January 2013.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to appoint the Budget Committee for a term expiring January 2009. (list herewith).

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins 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 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, 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 2009.

During discussion and /or approval Mr. Richard Iverson asked the Council to approve and sign the Resource Recovery contract. He explained that the contract that needs to be signed is from July 2007 until June 2008. He said some of the changes include an increased fee by \$2.00 per ton if we go over our tonnage. And also that the tonnage has been increased from 4200 to 4600 tons. Mr. Iverson strongly recommends that the Council approve this contract.

Councilman Winfield asked if all of the Council members could have a copy to review prior to approval of this contract.

Council President Budway said that the Council will take a 15 minute break to be able to review the contract prior to adjourning to closed session.

Next on the agenda is the signing of the contract with Beacon Mutual to continue to act as our third part administrator. Mr. Iverson said that we had a contract with them for a 6-month period and feels that the current arrangement is working very well. He said that they have handled one IOD case for us in the past 6 months and they did so very well. He said that they are asking for \$8225 for the next 12 month contract and this will cover everyone in the Town except the Police (who have their own policy) and the School Department.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the contract with beacon Mutual for the third party administrator for a price of \$8225 for a 12 month contract.

Council took a brief break to read the Resource Recovery Contract.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the Resource Recovery Contract for a period from July 2007 –June 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay early expenses of \$39,130.23, regular Council expenses of \$180,393.74 and supplemental Council expenses of \$167,724.52 for a total of \$387,248.49.

During Council remarks Councilman Salisbury would like to request that the meeting be adjourned in Elizabeth Fiske memory and that a page be reserved in the minutes book in her memory.

Councilman Budway informed the Council that he recently attended a Board of Directors meeting for the WB Community Health where he was told that our rates for Blue Cross will be decreasing this year beginning July 1, 2008. He said that there are other changes such as extending the term of the contract until 2012, but he told the Council that the Town can get out of the contract whenever they would like. He said that the Town really cannot look for another health insurance carrier because the School union contract in Town specifies Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Council President Budway also wanted for the Council members to review the job description and posting for the upcoming vacancy for a Director of Public Works. He said that they are both drafts and if any Council member would like to make any changing or addition for them to please contact him.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by roll call to adjourn to closed session at 8:24 PM pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A)2 Negotiations-Providence Water Supply Board

Councilwomen 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.

Reconvened at 9:24 PM.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 9:25 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