

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, April 10, 2008 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:30 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 --absent	Councilman D'Agostino -- present
Councilwoman Knowlton -- present	Councilman Winfield--present
Councilman Collins -- present	Council Vice-President Farrar --present
Council President Budway – present	

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting of March 6, 2008.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 13, 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting of March 29, 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino, and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the special Council meeting of April 3, 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the closed sessions of February 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Under Departmental Reports, Richard Tucker explained that the generator that he bought is actually an 80 kilowatts and not what he stated in his report.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to accept and place on file all Departmental reports.

Councilman President Budway asked the audience if anyone wished to speak under audience participation. There was no one who wished to speak.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to accept the Arbor Day Resolution.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by majority agreement to approve the resolution in support of funding the State wide E-911 system. Councilman Winfield voted in the negative.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to appoint Loxi Ellingwood voting District 2 Clerk for a term expiring January 1, 2009.

Motion made by Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by majority vote to appoint Dennis Charland as Alternate member of the Zoning

Board of Review for a term ending January 2009. Councilwoman Knowlton voted in the negative.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to appoint Sacha Anthony Hummel to the North Scituate Village Overlay Committee for a term expiring September 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to reappoint Bobby Napier as National Grid Street Light Coordinator, term expiring April 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the abatements in the amount \$1,468.35.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to approve the joint pole location on Trimtown Road.

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

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

With no public comments on the CDBG Grant, a motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton and voted by consent agreement to approve the CDBG Grant.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilwoman Knowlton, and voted by roll call to close the Public hearing:

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

Council President Budway asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on a particular item.

Frank Mooney 120 Main Street, Hope asked if there is anything the Town can do to prevent residents from leaving their trash at the end of the driveway 24/7. He said that there are people who leave the barrels out all of the time.

Council President Budway said that if Mr. Mooney could give him the address he will make sure that they are told about the complaint. He said that sometimes a friendly reminder is the best way to rectify a bad situation.

Tim McCormick, 428 Trimtown Road asked how much the penalties fees are if you don't recycle enough? He said that he feels the Town should step it up a notch and start to remind and then fine citizens, who do not recycle,

Richard Iverson, Public Works Director said that the grants that are given away for staying below the quota, is between \$4,000 to \$6,000. He said that he agrees this is a very important issue.

Tim McCormick asked the Council for their support of a letter he is going to write in regards to raising the State mandated tax cap.

Councilman Winfield said that he doesn't agree with asking for exception to the cap. He said that if the inequitable school aid formula passes in the Assembly, we are in big trouble.

Tim McCormick feels that the residents of Scituate should be able to determine their own fate. He feels that that decision should be made by the taxpayers not the General Assembly.

Councilman Winfield said that he disagrees and the tax cap gives the Town some leverage when negotiating with the various labor unions in Town.

Council President Budway said that he can see both sides of this discussion.

Mr. Rudy Bettez said that he feels that Mr. Rambones employees do a wonderful job. He also asked where he can get the bags for the shredded paper.

Mr. Iverson said that he agrees with him that the Rambones do a wonderful job with the trash pickup and he said that you can get those bags at the Highway Garage.

Council President Budway explained that he has asked the department heads to formulate a plan to help streamline municipal operations. He said that he will be meeting with them shortly for their ideas.

Council President Budway told said that he is planning on having the June Council Meeting at Rockland Oaks. He said that it is their anniversary and he thought it would be a nice gesture to have the meeting there. He also said that Town resident Wayne Carlow has recently won an award for a song that he wrote titled "Down in Richmond" which is about the village that was flooded by the reservoir. He said that he has asked Mr. Carlow to perform the song at the June meeting. He said that he would inform the Council when all of the details have been resolved.

Aliza Kreisman and John Bogart asked the Council to write a resolution in support of the RI Public Financing Elections Act. They are currently students at Brown University that are traveling State wide to gather support for a bill currently in the general Assembly.

They explained this bill would limit candidates spending to the amount that the State decides. They said that this would allow for more people to be able to run for public office. This would only be for people running for State wide office. They said this would allow people to do more talking to people about their ideas and less time fundraising.

Councilman Winfield said that in these tough economic times this is just one more tax of the people.

John Bogard said that there are currently matching funds from the State and that it would only cost \$7 per resident. He said that if this bill passes the funding will start in 2010 with the first election being in 2012.

Councilman Collins asked if this will be voluntary, and if so how could a candidate compete with someone with a lot of money.

Aliza Kreisman said that if a candidate agreed it would be the same amount as the other person is spending.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that he cannot see how this would benefit the Town of Scituate.

Tim McCormick, 428 Trimtown Road asked if the Governorship would be included.

Aliza Kreisman said that it would be all State wide offices.

Council President Budway said that he has mixed feeling about this idea. He said that he would like to learn more from the other States that have instituted this plan. He asked if they though the Council gave them sufficient time to state their case.

Both Mr. Bogart and Ms. Kreisman said that they had sufficient time and thanked the Council for their time.

Council President Budway said that there does not seem to be any support at this time from the Council but thanked them for coming. He said he is glad to see young people getting involved in government.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to pay early bills, old budget, in the amount of \$68,493.37. Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay early bills, new budget, in the amount of \$61,901.89. Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay regular bills, old budget, in the amount of \$30,182.86. Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay regular bills, new budget in the amount of \$178,992.37. Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay supplemental bills, old budget, in the amount of \$18,419.85. Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay supplemental bills, new budget, in the amount of \$7,798.92. For a total of \$365,789.26.

During Council remarks, Councilman D'Agostino said that it is nice to see so many people attending the Town Council meetings.

Councilwoman Knowlton stated that once you get used to recycling it really is not any more time consuming.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Refer to audiotape for complete discussion and testimonies given.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret m. Long

Town Clerk

