

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, December 11, 2008 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:34 PM. Council President Budway presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll. Roll call as follows:

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

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by roll call to open the public hearing. Town Clerk Long called the roll as follows:

Councilman Collins -- aye	Councilman Winfield -- aye
Council Vice President Farrar -- aye	Councilman Salisbury-aye
Council President Budway -- aye	

First on the agenda is the swearing in of two probational Police Officers. Chief David Randall called up Ian Noonan to be sworn in. Chief Randall explained to the audience that the police academy is 16 weeks long and it consists of academic, tactical and physical studies. He said that he is very proud to swear in both officers to the Scituate Police Department. He said that Mr. Noonan graduated with a 96.6% grade point average and was named valedictorian of the class. Chief Randall explained that Mr. Noonan is a resident of Scituate and a graduate of the Scituate School system.

Next, Chief Randall called Karen Haarr up to be sworn in, he explained that Karen is a resident of Warwick and is ranked E-4 in the RI National Guard.

The next agenda item is the recognition of Wayne Salisbury, Wendy Knowlton, Carol Mumford, Ed Gould and Zeke Young. Council President Budway gave the following statement:

“I have been on this Council for 10 years and there haven't many meetings as special as this evening. We have just witnessed the addition of two officers to the family of those who serve our residents, a family comprised of employees, elected officials, and a most special, most valued part of the family, those who volunteer their time, their talent and their financial support.

The Town of Scituate is most fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals who play such crucial roles in so many aspects of our town, whether it be education, public safety, social and community groups. In many instances, these folks serve our town in multiple capacities. Whether their contributions are occasional or constant, our community is deeply indebted to all who make our town the wonderful place it is.

Tonight, we are pleased to recognize, honor and thank five of these individuals who have served our town for many years. While they need no introduction, allow me to formally introduce Carol Mumford, Wendy Knowlton, Ed Gould, Zeke Young, and Wayne Salisbury. All of these fine people share a common trait. They are prolific, non-stop, decade's long contributors to the betterment of our community, many times very quietly but always very effectively.

Allow me to touch upon some of the things these five have done for Scituate. Mrs. Mumford has represented our Town with distinction at the General Assembly and educated our children for decades, including my own children.

Wendy Knowlton is an incredibly versatile contributor in the varied arenas of multiple youth sports, fire and rescue, and service on the Council.

When you say Ed Gould's name, you immediately think Boy Scouts and the Art Festival. Zeke Young served on the School Committee, and School Building Committee. And for both these gentlemen, there's much much more they have done that will stay forever with them and those they have helped.

That leaves us with Mr. Salisbury, Wayne Salisbury, educator, farmer, General Assembly leader, contributor in so many ways to the betterment of Scituate, and the bearer of a new distinction which I now bestow upon him, Defender of the Faith. Unswerving Faith in the preservation of all that makes Scituate the special place it is.

To Carol, Wendy and Wayne, our sincere thanks and gratitude for your service to our Town. And Ed and Zeke, also our sincere thanks and gratitude for your service to our Town and on this immediate occasion, your generosity for the improvements at the Community House.

Let there be no mistake, this is not a goodbye to these fine folks, and it is merely a thank you for what you have done to this point. We have every confidence your involvement in our town will always be an important part of you.

At this time, I would like to present each of you with the Scituate plate."

The Council took a break to have coffee and cake and reconvened at 8:11 PM.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collin and voted by a roll call vote to open the public hearing.

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed, public hearing opened.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to approve the renewal of the junk license for Hall's garage.

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to approve the second hand sales licenses (list here within).

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Motion by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by roll call to close the public hearing. Roll call as follows:

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed, public hearing closed.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted to approve the firearm sales license (list here within)

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to approve the Hawkers and Peddlers licenses, contingent that they submit their food service license with one week. (list here within)

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-nay

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted to approve the Private Investigators licenses as submitted by Police Chief Randall. (list here within)

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted to table the minutes of November 13, 2008 regular Council meeting.

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted to table the minutes of November 7, 2008 special Council meeting.

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to approve abatements in the amount of \$645.93.

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Under Departmental Reports, Chief David Randall thanked Council President Budway for attending and speaking at the recent graduation of the Scituate's Citizen Police Academy. Chief Randall said that fifteen people graduated in this class.

Councilman Collins wanted to recognize the fact that even with the Police department being down by four officers, the Chief still kept the overtime at a minimum.

Councilman Winfield asked Town Treasurer Przybyla if he has run the health care numbers.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that he has not had a chance and apologizes for it. He said that he will have the numbers ready for the next Council meeting.

Councilman Salisbury asked Director of Public Works Dale Langlais what is happening with the mattress pickup.

Mr. Langlais said the Rambone and Sons is currently picking up the mattresses, but things could change.

Councilman Salisbury said that maybe we can publicize the fact that the mattresses are currently being picked up. He asked Mr. Joe LaPlante from the Valley Breeze/Observer if he could put it in his paper as a public service announcement.

Motion made by Council Vice President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to accept all departmental reports and place on file.

Councilman Collins – aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Under audience participation, Council President Budway asked if anyone wished to comment on any agenda item.

Denise Saran, 26 Davis Road, said that she would like to thank Councilman Salisbury for all of the service that he has performed for the Town and wish him a happy retirement and all the best life has to offer.

Tim McCormick, Trimtown Road asked if the amount of recycling picked up offsets the cost of the recycling program.

Councilman Salisbury said that it does.

Mr. McCormick said that he cannot believe the amount of garbage some people put out week after week. He said that some people are abusing it, and this will cost the Town more money as the prices increase.

Council President Budway said that there has been a lot of discussion on this subject, and he said that if we didn't pick it up, where would it end up? He said that he is not saying that it shouldn't be investigated.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that when he first became a Council member, said that he asked the Director of Public Works to go and speak with people that are abusing the system. He also said that he had suggested that an ordinance be enacted to take care of this problem. He said that maybe the Council should revisit the idea of an ordinance regulation the trash and recycling.

Council President Budway suggested that we have Rambone identify residents that are routinely putting out more than they should and also identify the residents that are not recycling.

Councilman Winfield suggested since there is sometimes a lot of construction debris to have David Provonsil tell the residents when they get a building permit that construction debris cannot be put out with the trash.

David Provonsil said that he could make up a card saying that and have it handed out with every building permit.

Councilman Winfield also suggested that if Rambone sees residents that routinely don't recycle, have them put a sticker on the barrels to let them know. He said that it is very important to recycle because then it keeps our tonnage down.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that we also have a problem with people stealing the recycling and then selling it in other States. This costs the Town money too.

Council President Budway suggested that Director of Public Works Langlais speak with Mr. Rambone about the stickers.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted to approve the reappointment of Col. David Randall, Major Stephen Lang, David D'Agostino, Dale Langlais and Edwin Rogers to the Traffic Safety Committee for a term expiring December 2009.

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield – aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to reappoint Karen Beattie Tax Assessor for a term expiring December 2011.

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield – aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to reappoint Margaret Long, Blood Coordinator for a term expiring December 2009.

Council President Budway said that both the Recreation Directors job description and hiring process and the tax credit for 100 % disabled person will be discussed at the January 2009 meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted to approve the signing of the Medical Emergency Distribution System contract.

Councilman Collins – aye Councilman Winfield – aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to pay early bills in the amount of \$189,529.72.

Councilman Collins – aye

Councilman Winfield – aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to pay regular bills in the amount of \$93,916.34.

Councilman Collins – aye

Councilman Winfield – aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to pay supplemental bills in the amount of \$63,090.22. For a total amount of \$346,536.28.

Councilman Collins – aye

Councilman Winfield – aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed

Under Council Remarks, Council Vice-President Farrar wanted to thank Councilman Salisbury for his many years of service to the residents of Scituate. He said that his wisdom will be missed. He also wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Winfield wanted to extent his gratitude to Councilman Salisbury for his wonderful times in his accounting class and on the Council. He also wanted to thank Mrs. Mumford for all of her service to the residents of Scituate in her capacity as State Representative and School teacher. He also wanted to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Council President Budway also wanted to thank Councilman Salisbury for his service to the community and wanted to remind him that he will continue to be an important figure in the Town. He assured Councilman Salisbury that he will be calling for his advice and help.

Councilman Salisbury wanted to ask the Council to adjourn this meeting in the memory of three people who had served the Town for years that passed away recently.

Helen Mowry, Deputy Town Clerk and longtime Town Employee, Guy Angell a member of the Assessment Board of Review for over thirty years, and Mr. Charles Collins, Sr who served the Town and the children of this community for many years. He said that all of these special people will be sorely missed and asked Town Clerk Long to reserve a page in their memory in the official record of this meeting.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to adjourn at 8:55 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.

Councilman Collins – aye

Councilman Winfield – aye

Council Vice President Farrar – aye Councilman Salisbury-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion passed

Please refer to electronic tape for complete discussion.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk