

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, October 9, 2008 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:33 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	Councilwoman Knowlton-absent
Councilman D'Agostino-present	Councilman Winfield-absent
Councilman Collins - present	Council Vice-President Farrar-present
Council President Budway-present	

Motion made by Council Vice President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted to table the September 11, 2008 Town Council minutes.

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

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to approved September 11, 2008 closed minutes.

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

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to table the September 25, 2008 Special Council Meeting minutes.

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

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice President Farrar, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to table the minutes of the September 25, 2008 closed session.

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

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to approve the minutes of the closed session of August 14, 2008.

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

Motion passes.

During departmental reports Town Clerk Long informed the Council that the Clerk's Office will be closed on November 4, 2008, Election Day for all but election related activities.

Councilman Salisbury asked Town Engineer Provonsil how many building permits have been issued so far this year.

Mr. Provonsil said that there have been 6 so far this year in comparison to 13 for 2007 and 24 for 2006.

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

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

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to approve the Tax Assessors abatements of \$4,220.32 and addition of \$4,586.61.

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

Motion passes.

During audience participation Mary Beth Ouellette, 637 Elmdale Road and member of the Ambulance Corps said that she wanted to clarify to the Council and the public about a recent letter to the editor stating that the Scituate Ambulance Corps license is on probation from the Department of Health. She said that is not true and would like to read the letter from Peter Leary, Chief of Emergency Medical Services at the Department of Health. At this time Mrs. Ouellette read the letter. She asked that the Ambulance Corps be placed back on the run card. She would also like this letter to become a permanent part of the minutes of this meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to include the letter in the official minutes of the meeting.

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

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to approve the appointment of Sara Adams to the Land Trust for a term expiring December 2009.

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

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to follow the Board of Canvasser's recommendations for appointment of Clerk's and Moderators for the November 4, 2008 Election.

Patricia Salley-Clerk District 2

Bernadette Quindazzi-Moderator District 3

Loxi Ellingwood-Clerk District 3

Allison Thienel-Moderator District 5

Councilman Salisbury --aye Councilman Collins-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman D'agostino, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to reject all bids for the window restoration project as recommended by Dale Langlais, Director of Public Works.

General discussion followed with Councilman Salisbury asking how much will the entire project cost.

Mr. Langlais said that one bid price was around \$20,000 and the other was around \$40,000 and that the grant was only for around \$9,000. He recommended that we readdress the project next year and ask for a grant for energy efficient windows.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that it is important that the Historical Preservation Society knows why we are denying the grant.

Barbara Vennerbeck, Rockland Road said that they are now making beautiful energy efficient replacement windows that look authentic. She said that we should do it in steps and maybe the Preservation Society will give us a grant for several years.

Motion called.

Councilman Salisbury --aye Councilman Collins-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion passes.

Public Works bid awards for surplus materials need not be heard because they were awarded to the highest sealed bidder.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by roll call vote to open the Public Hearing.

Councilman D'Agostino Councilman Collins-aye

Councilman Salisbury-aye Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion passes and the Public Hearing is open.

Town Solicitor D'Agostino informed the Council that he added language to the proposed ordinance change to ensure that nothing in the staffing component could be used as a bargaining tool for minimum staffing. He said that the Town Council is ultimately responsible for and has the power to fill vacancies in the ranks.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar to approve the second reading of the ordinance to change Chapter 11-Police Department.

Councilman D'Agostino
Councilman Salisbury-aye
Council President Budway-aye

Councilman Collins-aye
Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

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

Councilman Salisbury-aye
Councilman Collins-aye
Council President Budway-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye
Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Motion passes the Public Hearing is closed.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted to approve the request to have a third dog to Christine Morton, 144 Howard Ave, Hope and that this license is for a specific dog with the recommendation of the Animal Control Officer Howarth.

Councilman Salisbury-aye
Councilman Collins-aye
Council President Budway-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye
Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Town Engineer Provonsil told the Council that the final plans for the construction of an additional stairway at the Community House has been approved by his Office and the Fire Marshalls. He said at this point the only other approval needed is that of the Town Council. He said that Mr. Edwin Gould has very generously offered to donate the money for the construction. He said that at a later time Mr. Gould will seek donations from local community groups to try and defray the costs.

Council President Budway said that was very generous of Mr. Gould to pay for this project. He said Town Solicitor D'Agostino if there are any legal concerns with this type of arrangement.

Town Solicitor D'Agostino said that he doesn't feel there are any legal issues. He said that he would suggest putting the donated money in a joint bank account that Mr. Provonsil and Mr. Gould can write checks on. He said that this will ensure that the contractor is paid only after all of the inspections are completed. He said that he feels that Mr. Gould should be thanked.

Council President Budway asked if the project has to go out to bid.

Town Solicitor D'Agostino said no because the contract will be in Mr. Gould's name and not the Town's.

Councilman D'Agostino said that he feels the Council should approve the final plan and to thank Mr. Gould for his generosity.

Mr. Gould said that Mr. Zeke Young needs to be thanked also because he donated some of the material for the project.

Council Vice-President Farrar said that great citizens like Mr. Gould and Mr. Young is what keeps Scituate the way it is.

Council President Budway wanted to thank both Mr. Gould and Mr. Young for their generous donation to repair a Town building.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to approve the final plan for the construction of a second set of stairs at the Community House which will allow the basement to be used by the Boy Scouts.

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilman Collins-aye

Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion passes.

Chief Randall told the Council that in the original projection for the extent of equipment for the Chopmist Hill Center was much higher than actually is needed. He said that only thing that is really needed is a computer to do the reports on and a telephone for limited use. He said that the telephone bill will be \$17 per month and that Cox cable will waiver the installation fee. He said that he feels that this will be a cost saving measure; it will save fuel and make the officers more efficient. Chief Randall said that the suggestion to use the Chopmist Hill Center was from the patrol officers themselves.

Councilman Collins said that if Chief Randall decides he needs more money for equipment such as internet services then he can put it in next year's budget proposal or he could come back to us a later time.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to allow the Police Department as needed utilization of the Chopmist Hill Center office space.

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilman Collins-aye

Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to approve the Scituate Animal Hospital request for one Art Festival Vendor space.

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilman Collins-aye

Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion passes

Council Vice-President Farrar recused himself from the agenda item Pay Bills.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to approve the early Council expenses in the amount of \$123,716.37, regular Council expenses in the amount of \$251,535.24 and supplemental Council expenses of \$131,041.90 for a total of \$506,293.51

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilman Collins-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion passes.

Council Vice-President Farrar rejoined the meeting.

During Council remarks Council President Budway wanted to tell the Council that he received a very nice note from Elfriede Kirchgaessner a 50 year resident of the Town congratulating the Town Council and the Town Treasurer on a job well done.

Councilman D'Agostino wanted to thank Mr. Edwin Gould for his generosity in paying for the renovations to the Community House and for all of his years of dedication to the Boy Scouts.

Council Vice-President Farrar wanted to remind everyone that there will be another informational meeting on the PWSB bond issue on Wednesday night October 15, 2008 at 7:00 the Hope School. He would also like to see the Council put out another mailer to explain the bond issue and let the residents know how important this bond issue is.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to adjourn at 8:15 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 Salisbury --aye

Councilman Collins-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Council Vice-President Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Motion passes.

Please refer to electronic tape for complete discussion.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk