

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, January 8, 2009 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:11 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 Hanna --present	Council Vice-President Farrar-- present
Councilwoman Frederickson--present	Councilman Winfield--present
Councilman Collins-present	Council President Budway --present
Councilman D'Agostino-present	

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by a roll call vote to adjourn to closed session pursuant to R.I.G.J. 42-46-5(A)(2) pertaining to collective bargaining, including discussion of broad-based strategy, goals, and strategic planning related thereto and to allow Town Clerk Long, Town Treasurer Przybyla, Ernie Marcure, Brian LaPlante, Marylou Umbriano, Pat Archanbault, Dr. Lescault, Mrs. Strinfellow, Karen Beattie, Town Solicitor David D'Agostino and State Representative Marcello to attend.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins--aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar—aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino--aye	

Motion passes.

Open session reconvened at 7:35 PM.

The next agenda item is the reorganization of the Town Council.

At this time Vice-President Farrar took over running the meeting.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted to re-elect Robert Budway as Town Council President.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Council President Budway said that he would be very honored to serve as President and is very pleased that the council has that much faith in him.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman Winfield to re-elect Dwight Farrar as Council Vice-President.

Councilman Farrar said that he is very honored that that he has the support of the council and has really enjoyed being Vice-President. He said that he has gained a lot of experience with serving in that capacity. He said that he will not be seeking another term on the Council and since the Vice-President job is to gain knowledge and experience to sit in the President's seat. He said that he feels that the position should be held by

someone that will seek another term. He said that he has loved serving on the Council but this last election year was very hard on him and his family.

Motion made by Councilman Farrar, seconded by Councilwoman Frederickson and voted to elect Councilman Collins as Vice-President.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Councilman Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D’Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Council President Budway wanted to thank Councilman Farrar for all of his hard work and dedication to the Town Council and the residents of Scituate.

Motion made by Councilman D’Agostino, seconded by Council Vice-President Collins and voted to approve the November 13, 2008 Town Council minutes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D’Agostino and voted to approval of the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of November 7, 2008.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar—aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D’Agostino--aye	

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted to approve the minutes of the Special Financial Town Meeting of October 25, 2008.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson-aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D’Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D’Agostino and voted to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 11, 2008.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D’Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

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

Councilman Farrar wanted to inform Dale Langlais, Director of Public Works that his winter operations report was very well written and very informative.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that Mr. Langlais and Chief Randall are both working very closely with the Treasurer's Office during this budget season and he appreciates it.

During audience participation, Ernie Marcure, 29 Spruce Brook Road was wondering why the appointment of the High/Middle School Building Project Committee was not on the agenda this evening.

Council President Budway said that the agenda was done prior to anyone knowing that it needed to be on the agenda. Council President Budway assured Mr. Marcure that the Council is having a special Council Meeting in the morning at 9:15 AM to appoint the Committee.

Richard Finnegan, 47 Ridge Road wanted to compliment the Scituate Police Officers who were of assistance to the Johnston and Foster Police Departments when a driver refused to stop and this resulted in a high speed chase throughout several communities. He said that it was our Officers were the ones to finally apprehend the suspect in Connecticut.

Stella Pignatore asked that the Council if they could investigate the possibility of a tax freeze for the disabled person just like the senior tax freeze. She said that it is very difficult when taxes go up and your disability payments do not. She said that she has spoken to friends in Foster and they told her that they offer it.

Council President Budway said that the Council will investigate it and it will be on the agenda for next month. Council President Budway asked if we could find out how many people this will effect.

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

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to approve the abatements of \$811.82 and additions of \$60.91.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to approve the 2009 Town Council schedule.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to accept the resignation with regret of Gerald Round from the Traffic Safety Commission.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

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

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to re-appoint the General Town Officers for a term expiring January 2010. (list herewith)

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman Hanna and voted to re-appoint Donald A. McCall, Albert Langlais and Richard A. Mumford to the Minimum Housing Board of Review for a term expiring January 2010.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino to re-appoint the Police Constables for a term expiring January 2010. (list herewith)

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Council President Budway instructed town Clerk Long to have the appointment of the two new Council members as Police Constables for the February meeting.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman Hanna and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Nicholas Piampiano to the Plan Commission for a term expiring January 2014.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye

Council President Budway said that he feels that Councilman Winfield would be a good person to represent the Town on the WB health Board of Directors and would like to have Town Clerk Long put it on the agenda for next month.

Council Vice-President Collins said that he would like to know the differences in cost from the Town's plan to the States. He said that if the Town plan is costing less he does not feel that it is fair that we be mandated to pay more to join the State plan.

Council President Budway said that he agrees and that before we do anything we should investigate all of our options. He said that currently we have a \$200,000 fund balance with the WB Health and if we have a conventional plan we would have nothing.

Council Vice-President Collins said that he feels that the Town should have the option if it would save money.

Councilman Winfield said that he asked to have the next item placed on the agenda. He said that he drives around Town on recycling day and sees a lot of residents with no recycling bins put out to the road. He said that with the costs of the tipping fees increasing every year this would be a good way to save some money. He asked Dale Langlais, Director of Public Works to look into the possibility of putting stickers on the trash cans of residents that do not have recycling bins out to the road.

Mr. Langlais said that he spoke to Mr. Rambone and he said that he would be willing to put the stickers on the trash cans. He also said that he looked into the price and it would be \$160 for 1000 stickers and \$500 for 5000 stickers.

General discussion followed with additional ideas on how to increase our recycling rates (i.e. putting a copy of the calendar in the budget brochure).

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded Council Vice-President Collins and voted to pay early expenses of \$317,265.35, regular Council expenses of \$79,416.68 and supplemental Council expenses of \$74,738.61 for a total of \$471,420.64.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

During Council remarks Councilman D'Agostino said he would like to welcome the two new Council members.

Councilman Farrar said the same and that he knows they will do a great job.

Councilman Winfield said that same and wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. He said that as bad as the financial pictures looks at this point this can be a way for the taxpayers to feel some relief from taxes.

Councilman Hanna said that wanted to thank the voters for allowing him to serve on the Council. He said that he is very excited and honored to serve. He said that he has always had a strong interest and will be a 3rd generation Hanna to serve on the Scituate Town Council.

Councilwoman Frederickson said that she too would like to thank the voters for electing her and very excited about serving on the Town Council. She said that she

would like to work on preparing a list of projects that need to be done throughout Town. She said that there are always people looking for community service projects and that if we had a list it would make it a lot easier.

Council Vice-President Collins wanted to also welcome the new members and to say that he knows that it is going to be a difficult budget year. He also wanted to thank the Council for electing him Vice-President and that he is much honored. He said that he would like to thank the Town Clerk's Office for great job they did with the Installation of Officers.

Council President Budway said that he would like to congratulate the new Councilmember's and to thank the voters and the Council for re electing him.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Council Vice-President Collins and voted by roll call to adjourn to closed session at 8:20 PM pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(A) 2 pertaining to collective bargaining, and litigation including the settlement of a pending labor issue(s) involving the Department of Public Works and to allow Town Clerk Long, Town Solicitor D'Agostino and Dale Langlais, Director of Public Works attend.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Reconvened at 9:29 PM.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Council Vice-President Collins and voted to reaffirm the motion taken in closed session to authorize Town Council President Budway to sign the Settlement Agreement and General Release in the amount of \$12,500 to be paid to Mr. Naylor.

Councilman Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to adjourn at 8:30 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 Hanna --aye	Council Vice-President Collins-- aye
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye	Councilman Winfield--aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Council President Budway --aye
Councilman D'Agostino-aye	

Motion passes.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk

For complete discussion please refer to the audio tape.