

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, February 11, 2010 in the Potterville Fire Station was called to order at 7:40 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-absent	Council President Budway --present
Councilman D'Agostino-present	

At this time, Council President Budway said that we are having the meeting this evening at the Potterville Fire Station so the Council can recognize and thank a resident of Potterville, Mr. William Silvia, for his heroic deed. He said that so many times we see people who don't stand up and do the right thing, but in this case Mr. Silvia did. Council President Budway explained that on New Year's Eve 2009, Mr. Silvia observed flames erupting from the home of his neighbor. Mr. Silvia called 911 and ran to the house to make sure everyone is out. He observed Mr. Waterman but was unable to gain his attention. He then went to the side door that was within a close proximity to the raging fire. He was able to rescue Mr. Waterman.

Council President Budway presented Mr. Silvia with a certificate of appreciation. (copy attached).

Council President Budway said that so many times acts of bravery and heroism go unnoticed by the general public. He said that is why the Scituate Town Council would like to present North Scituate Fire Dept. , Hope Jackson Fire Dept., Potterville Fire Dept. and Scituate Ambulance Corps with a certificate of appreciation and a town plate in appreciation for all that these volunteer organizations due for our community.

At this time, Councilman Hanna read the certificates for the three fire departments and Councilman D'Agostino read the certificate for the Scituate Ambulance Corps. Councilman D'Aostino said that it was a great honor to hand out the certificate to the Scituate Ambulance Corps.

Marybeth Ouellette, President of the Scituate Ambulance Corps, and Mark Ellis, Chief of the Potterville Fire Department were on hand to receive their awards.

At this time the Council took a short break.

Meeting reconvened at 8:07 PM.

After the presentation of the Certificates of Appreciation, Council President Budway left the meeting due to a prior commitment. In his absence, Councilman Farrar presided.

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

Councilman Hanna --aye	Councilwoman Frederickson—aye
Councilman Farrar-aye	Councilman D'Agostino-aye
Councilman Winfield--aye	

Motion passes.

Judy Loven gave a brief presentation and history of the Community Development Block Grant. She said that this grant has been in existence for 24 years, and over those years, the Town of Scituate has received over 1.5 million dollars. She explained that last year we requested the maximum amount of \$250,000 but only received \$83,000. She said that this is an important program because it allows low to moderate income families to do much needed repair to their houses. She said that the housing rehabilitation is only one of the areas that we can ask for money for. She then introduced Jeanne Tracey-McAreavey of the Community Housing Land Trust of RI. Ms. McAreavey thanked the Council for their continued support and explained what services her organization provides. She stated that continued funding is necessary to provide these services on a statewide basis.

John Marchant, Scituate Health Alliance, said that they would like to be included in the final grant application for the Alliance. He explained that the alliance has two major programs for the low to moderate income families in the Town. He said that they are primary health and dental care for uninsured Scituate residents. He said Scituate residents that qualify can enjoy health and dental care for only ten dollar co-pay. He said that way that the Alliance affords to do this is by receiving grants such as this to offset the costs. He said that they also ask for appropriations from the Town of Scituate. He said that they did not receive a grant last year, but for 2 years prior to that they did. He said that when he spoke with the grant coordinators, they explained some deficiencies in last year's grant. They suggested that he fix the problems and also suggested that when the Council prioritizes the grant, that they put the Alliance in a higher point in the rating. He said that this year they have also been able to provide vouchers for lab work ordered by the physician. He said that they are going to be requesting \$18,000 which is about 20% of their budget. He said that it costs \$300 per year per patient for health and \$300 for the dental coverage. He said that they now have 120 Scituate residents enrolled and the numbers keep climbing.

Marybeth Ouellette from the Scituate Ambulance & Rescue Corps said that they are working with the Health Alliance. She asked the Council before they make an appropriation to the Northwest (Wellness One) they should find out how many Scituate residents that they provide services for. She said that they can take insurance whereas the Alliance is a free program with not many revenue sources.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted to close the public hearing.

Councilman Hanna --aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye

Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted to table the minutes of the Special Council meeting of January 7, 2010 and Closed Session of December 10, 2009, January 7, 2010, and January 14, 2010, and the regular Council meeting of January 14, 2010.

Councilman Hanna --aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye      Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman Hanna, seconded by Councilman Farrar and voted to place and file all departmental reports

Councilman Hanna --aye

Councilman D'Agostino--aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye

Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

During audience participation, Tim McCormick, 428 Trimtown Road, asked what the status is on the solid waste contract.

Councilman Farrar said that the Council is working on it and that Councilwoman Frederickson is working very hard trying to increase our recycling rate. She said that some options are no bin no barrel and pay as you throw. She also said that there needs to be more education for the residents on the benefits of recycling.

Mr. McCormick said that the Town should get really tough on people that don't recycle.

Justin Gaffney, Ide Road, asked the Council if they have looked at the rescue response times? He said that they keep going up. He asked why the tax payers should be penalized because CHFD and the Town can't see eye to eye.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Council Vice-President Collins and vote to approve the Tax Assessor abatements in the amount of \$591.04 and additions of \$2110.17.

Councilman Hanna --aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye

Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilwoman Frederickson and voted to appoint Colonel Randall, David Provonsil, Steven Otto, Donald Campbell and Mark Ellis to Emergency Management Agency Ex-Officio members for a term expiring February 2011.

Councilman Hanna --aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye

Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted to appoint the Human Resource Committee for a term expiring February 2011.(list here within)

Councilman Hanna --aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye

Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Hanna and voted to appoint School Space Needs Committee for a term expiring February 2011. (list here within)

Councilman Hanna --aye                      Councilman D'Agostino-aye  
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye        Councilman Winfield--aye  
Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman Hanna, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to table the discussion of the security measures for the Town Hall.

Councilman Hanna --aye                      Councilman D'Agostino-aye  
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye        Councilman Winfield--aye  
Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Councilman Winfield who is the Town's representative on the WB Board of Directors, explained about the WB dividend distribution. He explained that the Town has \$3771 in dividends and the school has about \$22,000. He wants to know what the Council's wants to do -- have them send us a check, or just leave it there for future premiums? Councilman Winfield asked Town Treasurer Przybyla what he thinks we should do.

Town Treasurer Przybyla suggested that we just leave it there.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Hanna to leave the Town's share of \$3770 there to pay for future dividends.

Councilman Hanna --aye                      Councilman D'Agostino-aye  
Councilwoman Frederickson—aye        Councilman Winfield--aye  
Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Councilman Winfield also said that the WB is implementing a new wellness program. He said that he is looking into it along with the School Department. He said that it costs around \$26 per person. He said that he will investigate it further and report back to the Council at a later time.

General discussion followed with the topic being the streetlights. Colonel Randall and David Provonsil gave the presentation. It was explained that out of 840 lights in the Town, 384 will stay on due to safety issues. They said that by shutting off these lights it will save the Town between 30-30 thousand dollars a year. They said that there has been a moratorium on the installation of a new street lights since 1990's. They said that there have not been many complaints.

General discussion followed with the Council expressing their feeling that they are in favor of this proposal, but would like to wait to make their decision until after they hold a public hearing on this matter.

Town Treasurer Przybyla explained that at this time the Town can renew its contract with Rambone disposal for up to three years. He said that Mr. Rambone has offered to have a zero increase this year and then an increase by the amount of the consumer price index (CPI). He said that in these unsure economic times, he feels that

this is a good deal. He said that if the Council doesn't feel comfortable with extending the contract for the full three years, then just extend it for one year and then decide on a year to year basis. He said that if you went out to bid then it could cost the Town a lot more.

Councilman Farrar asked what the Town of Foster is going to do.

Councilwoman Frederickson said that she thinks that Foster is going to go out to bid.

Councilman Winfield asked if we could go out to bid and then if we don't get a better price exercise the extension clause? He said that he would be agreeable to maintain this contract until Foster's contract is up and put it out to bid.

Councilwoman Frederickson said that Scituate and Foster are the only two communities that have recycling every other week.

Tim McCormick, 420 Trimtown Road, said that he has experience with waste haulers contracts and said that the national average for an increase is much more than CPI.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that he feels that we should extend it for one year and then see how Foster makes out with the bids and then decide on years two and three.

Councilman Farrar said that he agrees with Tim McCormick and he likes the increase based on the CPI.

General discussion followed.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilwoman Frederickson to table the approval of the solid waste contract with Rambone disposal until we can speak to the Town of Foster.

Councilman Hanna --aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye

Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded Councilman Hanna and voted to pay early expenses of \$71,725.15, regular Council expenses of \$287,955.24 and supplemental Council expenses of \$174,470.99 for a total of \$534,151.38.

Councilman Hanna --aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye

Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

During Council remarks, Councilman Winfield said that he really enjoyed this evening's presentation and wanted to thank Chief Ellis for hosting this evening meeting. He said that he also wanted to thank all of the volunteers that give so much to our community.

Councilman Hanna agreed with what Councilman Winfield said and also said that he was glad to see more people at the budget hearing.

Councilman Farrar said that he wants to commend again Mr. Silvia for his heroic action.

Motion made by Council D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted to adjourn at 9:14 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

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilwoman Frederickson—aye

Councilman Winfield--aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Motion passes.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk

For complete discussion please refer to the audio tape.