

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the seventeenth day of August 2009 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Thomas Buck at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI.

PRESENT: Sylvia Thompson, Beverly Kenney, Barbara Capalbo; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

Absent: Thomas Buck, William Felkner; Town Solicitor Patricia Buckley; Interim Town Manager M. Linda Urso.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS

FOLLOWS: Approve Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2009; Town Council Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2009; Set September 8, 2009 as hearing date

for Special Event Permit for an Autumn Fest filed by Wood River Health

Services; Accept the following reports: Animal Control Official, Town Clerk, Tax

Collector's collections to date, Tax Assessor – which includes abatements &

supplements.

IN FAVOR: Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Scott Bill Hirst of Maple Court spoke on a number of education-related issues: He felt that any effort to transport children over town lines would be a violation of the Chariho Act and should be something the presently dormant Chariho Act Revision Subcommittee should study after being reactivated. He stated he had nothing against the Tri Town Council but felt they should not undertake the issue as local officials already had a lot on their plate(s). He stated Chariho Act changes require a vote of the people and if it should be voted down it would be a waste of

time. He added that bussing routes were already established; He commented that the Davies Vocational Technical School was entirely funded by the State of Rhode Island and felt the Town should be pursue this issue with the State and request equal treatment on vocational technical education; He felt the Town should monitor the various lawsuits vs. the State of Rhode Island regarding State Aid to Education. That the RI Constitution through the General Assembly has an obligation to fund education and felt the Town should consider the merits of joining in with the lawsuits.

Councilor Capalbo questioned if Newport was fully funded. Mr. Hirst stated if the newspapers were correct, Davies was the only one, but suggested the Met in Providence may be. He stated the Town where Davies was located was a middle class community, not inner city and questioned why the State would fully fund it and short change the rest of Rhode Island. He stated no matter where a child lived, they were still a child of Rhode Island. Councilor Thompson noted that the Davies Vocational Technical 100% state funded issue dated back to the 1990's and nothing had been done to change it back then. She stated she felt it would not hurt to look at it again.

#### **TOWN SOLICITOR REPORT**

There was no report. Town Council Vice President Sylvia Thompson stated she had called the Solicitor to inform her it was not necessary for her to be present.

#### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

There was no report. Town Council Vice President Sylvia Thompson reported the Town Council President was on vacation as was Councilor Felkner.

#### **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

There was no report. The Interim Town Manager was away.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **TOWN BILLS**

Councilor Capalbo questioned page five of the bill list, \$8,708.40 to Little Medeiros Kinder as she thought this matter was finished and questioned what the invoice was for. She questioned page eight of the bill list, the \$5,560.00 to the

Town of East Greenwich and asked for confirmation that these fees were for CDBG. The Town Clerk will follow up with the Finance Office.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TO PAY THE TOWN BILLS WITH NO ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

IN FAVOR: Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

**NEW BUSINESS**

**INTERVIEWS – APPOINTMENTS – RESIGNATIONS**

There were no interviews, appointments or resignations.

**BUDGET STATUS**

There was nothing to report on the status of the budget.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Councilor Capalbo noted receipt of the CDBG award letter from Governor Carcieri and questioned the first paragraph, the last sentence that stated an additional award of \$98,000.00 for FY '10. She felt an explanation was necessary. Councilor Kenney stated according to her notes this amount was correct.

Notice was received from Galen McGovern regarding a water system for the village of Alton in the Town of Richmond and that a meeting would be held on September 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the H.L. Arnold Fire Station, Rte 112, Richmond, regarding the viability of pursuing a grant for a water system.

Councilor Kenney stated that previous conversations held that the Hopkinton side has been polluted as much or more than the Richmond side has been. Council Capalbo suggested placing funding into next year's CDBG application for a water system perhaps as a joint application with Richmond. The Town Clerk will follow up with Mr. Marchant.

Councilor Thompson stated Turning Pointe Therapeutic Riding Stables located at 40 Collins Road would be holding Haunted Hayrides every weekend in October and needed volunteers, costumes, props, ideas. Their phone number is 364-0598.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Patricia Fontes of Lawton Foster Road questioned when the next Town Council Meeting would be held referencing the Labor Day Holiday and was informed the meeting would be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Linda Barton of Main Street stated she had CDBG experience and suggested that if the \$98,000.00 award from the Governor's grant award letter was incorrect, Mr. Marchant would be able to have funding substituted to be used for a water system. She suggested it may be a typographical error. Councilor Capalbo requested confirmation that funding not used for the Rockville Mill could be reallocated. The Town Clerk will follow up with Mr. Marchant on this matter as well.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk