

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the twenty first day of September 2009 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Thomas Buck at 6:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI.

PRESENT: Thomas Buck, Sylvia Thompson, Beverly Kenney, Barbara Capalbo, William Felkner; Town Solicitor Patricia Buckley; Interim Town Manager M. Linda Urso; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FELKNER TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER RIGL 42-46-5A (2) EXISTING & POTENTIAL LITIGATION.

POLL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND SEAL THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo

OPPOSED: Felkner

SO VOTED

The regular meeting began at 7:00 PM and opened with a moment of silent meditation and a salute to the Flag.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

HEARINGS - JUNKYARD LICENSE RENEWAL

The Council opened a hearing on a Junkyard license renewal filed by Richard Grills for Chase Hill Reclamation Company, LLC, 139 Chase Hill Road, Ashaway, RI 02804 identified as Assessor's Plat 2, Lot 73.

George Comolli, Esq. was present. Filing fees had been paid and notice posted. Attorney Comolli reported Mr. Grills was the sole member of Chase Hill Reclamation Company LLC, the site of the former Perry Motors. He stated Mr. Grills currently holds a state license that he may transfer or sell at some point in the future, but Mr. Grills would not be returning the parcel to a junkyard use. He reported ninety percent of the property had been reclaimed. The rear quarry was to be reclaimed and he fully anticipated that junk cars would be found in this area. Councilor Thompson noted the property looked magnificent. Council President Buck agreed that it looked entirely different than it did before. There were no objectors present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FELKNER TO APPROVE THE JUNKYARD LICENSE RENEWAL FILED BY RICHARD GRILLS FOR THE CHASE HILL RECLAMATION COMPANY, 139 CHASE HILL ROAD, ASHAWAY, RI 02804, IDENTIFIED AS ASSESSORS PLAT 2, LOT 73.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO ADJOURN AS A LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS A COUNCIL.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL ENERGY GRANT

Washington County Regional Planning Council Executive Director Jeff Broadhead was present along with Maura Sayer to provide an update on the Energy Grant. Mr. Broadhead distributed a leaflet and an energy program summary. He stated the Washington County Energy Program came to be as a result of a request of the Board of Directors regarding what could be done to save money, which came to a head last winter with Governor Carcieri's budget cuts. Out of the thirty-four projects for savings, energy was one of the projects and seeking out grant money was a first consideration. The Town of South Kingstown had already been the recipient of an EPA Clean Communities Grant, so the other eight Towns and six school districts, including Chariho, in Washington County had agreed to participate. He reported the grant would come from the Federal Government to the State of Rhode Island and an RFQ on behalf of the Towns would have to be developed which would consist of between 12 to 15 separate RFP's. He stated in looking for grants, it had to be determined how it could best be leveraged: performance contracting or Energy Services Company (ESCO). Performance contracting was a way to leverage stimulus funds, but can operate independently and save town and schools considerable money on energy bills and meant that they would contract with an energy services company to audit the buildings, recommend energy saving improvements, assist with financing, handle contracting and guarantee savings. Improvements can be lighting, building envelope, controls, monitoring behavior, or in renewables, and all improvements are paid out of savings. The ESCO process included: Building a coalition, issue an RFQ, select an ESCO, negotiate general terms and conditions, conduct investment-grade audits, select projects – separate or bundled performance contract for buildings, construction – monitored by a WCRPC-hired consultant or town/school employee, and measurement/verification by a third party consultant. Mr. Broadhead noted that projects could include all systems of a building, street lights, water usage, building envelope, heating and control systems, potential renewables, roofing with south facing solar panels or a wind zone. Councilor Felkner questioned if the building audits had been completed. Mr. Broadhead stated an RFQ for an ESCO consultant was the next step. Once selected, they

would then conduct the audit and provide suggested projects. Councilor Capalbo stated there were some easier projects in a public building that could be done, but often times it was the easier projects that have already been accomplished. In the case of the easier projects, an ESCO would work but an ESCO does not work on larger, complex projects with a longer payback and that was her concern. Mr. Broadhead noted the National Grid had been helpful regarding lighting projects. He stated in speaking to ESCO's, in most cases they had been able to find enough savings for it to work. He noted there was no charge for the audit. Councilor Capalbo questioned if the ESCO would look at more difficult projects to help get the grant funding to do the more difficult work. Mr. Broadhead responded, yes, they would advise. He commented there may be an increased cost for a time before it went down, but the municipality would decide. Councilor Thompson questioned where it had been used before. Mr. Broadhead responded the Town of Warwick had used it to install traffic lights resulting in a \$65,000.00 in savings. Councilor Thompson questioned if it had been used elsewhere. Mr. Broadhead responded yes, the RI Department of Administration had realized a 27% energy savings to a building and would have realized more if they had decided to install new windows. Councilor Capalbo questioned if it could be used for renovation or new construction. Mr. Broadhead responded renovation. Councilor Capalbo questioned if RISE Engineering was involved. Mr. Broadhead stated they worked with lighting only as does National Grid. He stated an ESCO can advise on other aspects including wind turbines, solar energy etc. in an existing building. Mr. Broadhead anticipated in roughly a month and a half to have 12 to 15 separate grant applications and reported he would send over the generic resolutions for Council consideration. Councilor Felkner requested he provide the Council with some examples other than street lighting. Mr. Broadhead noted he could provide him with a list. He indicated he would begin the first draft of the RFP in one or two weeks and would shop it around to each Town for review and revision and then it would be issued. He added that he was hopeful each town and school district would provide one representative member to sit on a committee. Councilor Felkner questioned the motivation for ESCO companies to provide the work. Mr. Broadhead responded it was profit, that they would get their portion of

the stimulus. Federal stimulus dollars required transparency plus products had to be made in the United States, which could be difficult. Councilor Felkner stated the previous resolution had questionable language included that he did not agree with and it had been amended. He questioned who would make the decisions. Mr. Broadhead responded the Town and that he would also consult with the WCRPC Board of Directors. Councilor Felkner commented on his familiarity with the requirements of the RI Housing Lead Abatement Program, that once lead was found it had to be abated, no if's, an's or but's. Mr. Broadhead stated that an auditor would come in and look at the various systems in a building, but there would be no forced work. Council President Buck confirmed that if a recommendation was made, the Town would not be required to do some or any of the work. Mr. Broadhead confirmed this. He added a determination would have to be made by the ESCO regarding whether the project could be paid for by the savings, or not. Councilor Capalbo noted the Town energy resolution was adopted, but it included wording changes. The adopted resolution provided the Town more flexibility and the ability to keep its fingers in the pie

CONSENT AGENDA

Town Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2009 were removed from the Consent Agenda.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS FOLLOWS: Set October 5, 2009 as a hearing date for a Class F Liquor License filed by Langworthy Library; Accept the following reports: Tax Collector – which includes adjustments, Chief of Police, Tax Assessor – which includes abatements & supplements.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

Councilor Capalbo referred to page six and stated when she addressed the specifics pertaining to the PUC hearing and the notice to be placed on the Town's website it should have included "It does not pertain to National Grid's request for

increase in revenue”. On page twelve, first paragraph, line 4 Councilor Felkner requested the addition of “or tax credit.” Councilor Kenney stated on the same paragraph, line 6, delete “addressed” from the sentence and add at the end of the sentence, “is added”. Councilor Thompson wanted to ensure that everyone had the amended page that included the salary for the interim Town Manager.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR KENNEY TO APPROVE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2009, AS AMENDED.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

William Peabody of Diamond Hill Road stated he would like permission to reserve his comments for the second item on the agenda listed under old business.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR TO TAKE THE AGENDA OUT OF ORDER TO ALLOW FOR THE WESTERLY HOSPITAL PRESENTATION REGARDING THE H1N1 VIRUS.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

WESTERLY HOSPITAL PRESENTATION RE: H1N1 VIRUS

Infection Control Nurse Eileen Ryan Gleason, Director of Public Affairs Brian Jordan, Health Care Service Region Coordinator Leslie Heath from the Westerly Hospital were present for the presentation regarding the H1N1 virus. Three handouts were distributed. Ms. Gleason noted she was working with the Towns of Westerly, Hopkinton and Charlestown and that the point of distribution for these three Towns was the Springbrook Elementary School in Westerly. She stated as more information came in, she would share with the towns. She stated the Westerly Hospital had prepared an internal flu clinic but if the hospital were to be

filled to capacity, an alternative site would have to be chosen; that the H1N1 vaccine had been approved for use by the FDA on September 16, 2009; that certain populations were recommended for one dose of the vaccine – for ages 9 or older, or two doses of the vaccine – for those younger than age 9; that certain populations were determined to be at higher risk: pregnant women, those living with or taking care of infants under 6 months of age, healthcare workers and first responders, persons aged 6 months to 24 years of age, persons 25-64 years of age who have medical conditions that place them at higher risk for influenza related complications; arrival of the vaccine was scheduled for mid to late October. To protect yourself and family, it was recommended that individuals receive the H1N1 vaccine, the seasonal flu vaccine, sneeze and cough into your elbow or use a tissue and throw the tissue into the trash after use, washing of hands often with soap and water or alcohol based cleaner, avoid touching eyes or mouth as germs spread this way when sick and keep away from others as much as possible. Symptoms of H1N1 were fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, diarrhea, vomiting, body aches, headaches, chills, fatigue. Councilor Capalbo questioned the cost for the vaccine and was informed it could possibly be free. Mr. Jordan reported the RI Department of Health was currently in negotiations with the health insurance companies on that issue. Councilor Capalbo questioned the cost for someone without health insurance and there was no known answer regarding that question at this time, but they stated they would ask. Councilor Thompson questioned if there would be a doctor visit fee and there was no known answer regarding that question at this time, but stated they would ask. Council President Buck questioned if a person contracted H1N1, would they become immune or could they contract it again. Ms. Gleason noted if it was a documented case of H1N1, a vaccine was not necessary. She noted as with the seasonal flu, the correct strain was not always caught. Councilor Thompson questioned those who had never had the flu and usually did not get the seasonal flu shot, could they explain why an individual did not contract seasonal flu. Ms. Gleason did not have an answer why. She noted it was a new virus and most cases thus far had been mild to moderate. She stated the range of ages most affected by H1N1 were the 5 to 24 year old group, and the seasonal flu affected older groups. Councilor Capalbo

stated the reason she was concerned, was most 19-24 year old people do not have health insurance. Ms. Heath stated the vaccine would be free but an allowance for an administrative fee was a possibility. She noted within hospital and health care clinic setting, it may be possible to charge it to the insurance companies to get it back. Council President Buck questioned if clinics would be set up in the elementary and high schools and was informed the RIDOH was coordinating that with the school systems. Council President Buck noted a CDC recommendation was that persons who had contracted the virus should stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever has gone away but that health care workers were required to stay home for 7 days from the start of symptoms and questioned why that was so. Ms. Gleason responded because the health care workers worked with at risk populations. Councilor Capalbo questioned if clinics were set up in the schools if permission slips signed by the parents were required. Chariho School Committee Member Robert Petit was present and responded they had not gotten into that issue at this point. Councilor Thompson noted the police were first responders and it was conceivable the Town could have officers out for 7 days which would present a problem with police coverage. Council President Buck reported that they could possibly have the EMA Director prepare an announcement on the One-Call Now Notification System. Information and answers to questions can be found on the CDC and RIDOH Websites. Links to these websites can be found on the Town's website at www.hopkintonri.org.

TOWN SOLICITOR REPORT

Town Solicitor Patricia Buckley reported the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) had scheduled a public hearing regarding the appeal by the National Grid of the Towns denial of the zoning text amendment pertaining to electric substations for September 29, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Town Council President Thomas Buck reported he had attended a seminar with Interim Town Manager M. Linda Urso and Emergency Management Director Michael Octeau regarding the H1N1 Virus September 11, 2009 held at the Westerly Hospital.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Interim Town Manager M. Linda Urso stated the short synopsis of the H1N1 Virus was that the illness would be expected to last approximately seven days from the onset of symptoms; reported she had prepared a memo to the Public Works Director requesting that he provide all employees with hand sanitizing gel, additional wall mounted hand sanitizing gel for the public and sanitizing wipes for custodial purposes for wiping down surfaces and door handles in an attempt to keep the workplace as germ free as possible; reported she had signed the letter of acceptance for Durkee Brown Viveiros Werefels to perform the 1904 building reuse study that was awarded to the firm by the Council on June 1, 2009; had sent a letter of acceptance by the Town to the RIDEM regarding the \$20,000.00 landfill closure grant money; was dealing with labor and personnel issues as they arose; reported the Municipal Court Clerk had submitted her resignation effective October 9, 2009. Councilor Capalbo noted the former Town Manager had said that Police Department Secretary Sherry Steadman had been trained to fill in. She felt she could do the job until the position was filled. Ms. Urso reported she was drawing up the job description for the combined position that included the duties of municipal court clerk and town manager clerk for posting. Council President Buck stated it could eliminate the stipend. Councilor Capalbo commented that with the position being posted in Town a part time person may be interested which could bring that person to full time and there was no funds available to cover that possibility. Councilor Thompson noted that could not happen if it was not budgeted for.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN BILLS

Councilor Felkner questioned if the timing had changed regarding the distribution of funding to the libraries. Agnes Hall from the Finance Office was present and responded the previous problem had been related to receiving the State Funding for Libraries revenue late, which resulted in the Town paying them out late. She noted that this time it had been received and processed timely. Councilor Felkner commented on a number of invoices relating to repairs to a bucket truck. Ms. Hall responded the Town had purchased a bucket truck in the past year and that at the

time of purchase it had been reported some repairs to the truck would be required. Councilor Felkner questioned the cell phone reimbursement on page five to Mary Sawyer. Ms. Hall stated that was reimbursement for the year.

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: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

HILLSIDE AVENUE

Ashaway Elementary School bus and parking situation – requested by Chariho School Committee Member Robert Petit. Present for this matter: Chariho School Committee Member Robert Petit; Elementary School Principal Steven Morrone and William Peabody. Mr. Petit stated he was aware this matter had come up before and he was requesting no parking on Hillside Avenue for one half hour in the morning from 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM and one half hour in the afternoon from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM to allow the buses to come in and make the swing into the school yard. He stated the gate could be widened a bit but they would still have a problem because of parking on the road. He stated the fence was needed to keep the kids in the playground. He stated he was attempting to come to a compromise with Mr. Peabody and noted he had driven by and at some times his car had been parked in the driveway and other times outside the driveway.

Council President Buck noted this matter had come up a number of times since the 1990's. He reported he had been at the school today day as well as yesterday and had taken some photographs, which he had on his laptop. He questioned why it was necessary to shut down the road and why the St. Pius bus parked in the middle of the road with its flashers on so no one could pass, including emergency vehicles. He reported he had approached the bus driver and she informed him that she was doing as she had been ordered to do by her boss. He reported that the Council had received a letter from Principal Steven Morrone and he referenced

the portion of the letter where students had to walk from the bus a football field's length to the school. He then went on to comment about the ten walkers who had a lot longer to walk than the distance of a football field. He showed the photos of the fencing, the road and the gate and suggested that if each gatepost was moved four feet, an additional eight feet in width would be gained to make the swing. As to previous concerns about a possible gas line being located in this area, he recommended that the district contact dig-safe for guidance and advice. He noted that the buses were also parking on top of the crosswalk. He offered another suggestion, that the buses enter the upper drive going to the rear of the property and if the dumpsters were relocated, the buses may be able to make the swing around the back of the school. Mr. Petit and Mr. Morrone noted that they had tried to do just that but the buses could not make the turn because of the back swing. Council President Buck noted that the school could only continue to use the parking near the 1904 building until such time as another use could be determined for the building and the Town would then take over the parking area. Mr. Morrone commented that there had been a safety issue, a child had been hit by a car a few years back while crossing the street. He noted parents were coming up and parking on the opposite side so they were being encouraged to come into the school grounds to drop them off. Councilor Capalbo felt it was preferable for the buses to deliver the children vs. the parents. She stated this had been an on-going issue and that all children should be dressed for the weather no matter how they got to school. She stated emergency vehicles had to have access to the road. Mr. Morrone stated if the buses were able to get onto the grounds, students would be to their classrooms quicker in the morning and in the afternoon the St. Pius bus would come first to pick up the students, then the rest of the buses would come in off the road. Council President Buck stated his concern was due to the fact that as soon as the buses arrived their flashers were turned on. He stated previous attempts to have a no parking zone was shot down. He recommended they move the gateposts four feet each for an additional eight feet. Councilor Thompson questioned how long the flashers were on. Council President Buck responded about ten minutes. Mr. Petit noted that this would still leave the problem with parents parking on the road. Council President Buck suggested that at the start of

the school year, an officer should be waiting there to educate parents about where they can and cannot park and drop off students. Mr. Petit noted that he was a Hopkinton representative on the school committee and that parents had called him regarding their safety concerns. Councilor Thompson expressed concern about the incident with a student being hit by a car. Council President Buck stated that when that had happened, the situation on the street was bad and that was when the direction of the buses had been changed. They were to come in from Route 3 and leave via Laurel Street. Mr. Petit stated he was present to come to a compromise. He stated they would attempt to move the gateposts, but questioned if the buses could still not make the swing and if Mr. Peabody parked in an area to block the street, if the problem was still there, what was the next step. Council President Buck stated it was preferable they try to open up the gates before restricting parking on the road. He commented that a portion of the fence was in need of replacement and also that one of the posts had come loose. William Peabody stated he owned four pieces of property in Town, was a resident of 34 Diamond Hill Road and chose to sleep at 13 Hillside Avenue. He commented that Mrs. Perrin, a former teacher, had been the first to bring the children into the school yard for bussing and congratulated her for that effort as he did not want to see any harm come to any child. In regards to the fencing problem, he stated it had been constructed incorrectly and asked the Chariho school board to move the fences, correct the problem and get them in good working order. He noted the Town Council was responsible for the property and the yard and he requested the Council make sure someone corrected the fencing and they leave the road alone.

NEW BUSINESS

INTERVIEWS – APPOINTMENTS – RESIGNATIONS:

Economic Development Commission

Judith Cherenzia had forwarded a letter of resignation from the Economic Development Commission to the Town Council.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ACCEPT JUDITH CHERENZIA'S

RESIGNATION FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
WITH REGRET.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: None

SO VOTED

The Town Clerk will send a letter of appreciation to Ms. Cherenzia.

RESOLUTION RE: MANDATORY BINDING ARBITRATION

Council President Buck read the resolution re: Mandatory Binding Arbitration for teacher contracts as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND

WHEREAS, Current state law does not provide for mandatory binding arbitration on monetary matters for school teachers; and

WHEREAS, Payroll cost is the largest single expenditure in school budgets; and

WHEREAS, Mandatory binding arbitration would undermine SB 3050 and would force municipalities into non-compliance with SB 3050; and

WHEREAS, Taxpayers are already burdened by state mandates; and

WHEREAS, Property taxes in Rhode Island are among the highest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mandatory binding arbitration would take away from elected local officials the ability to control the biggest component of local budgets; and

WHEREAS, Mandatory binding arbitration does not prevent work to rule or other union job actions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hopkinton Town Council is opposed to mandatory binding arbitration on monetary matters for teachers; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every City and Town Council and School Committee, every State Senator and State Representative and Governor Carcieri.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FELKNER TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OPPOSING MANDATORY BINDING ARBITRATION FOR TEACHER CONTRACTS.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Capalbo, Felkner

OPPOSED: Kenney

SO VOTED

RI LEAP AGREEMENT

Solicitor Buckley reported she had received and reviewed the RI LEAP agreement from Public Works Director Doug Reese. The RI LEAP agreement was a formal contract that would enable the Town to receive \$250,000.00 in

stimulus funds to perform road repair work on Town roads. She stated the agreement required the Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement. She stated she had reviewed the agreement and found nothing problematic. Councilor Felkner questioned if the Public Works Director was confident about where the funding should be spent. Solicitor Buckley stated Mr. Reese was confident about where it could be used and was aware of the obligations. She noted he was hopeful that some road projects could be started before the cold weather set in.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR KENNEY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE RI LEAP AGREEMENT.

IN FAVOR: Buck, Thompson, Kenney, Capalbo

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAIN: Felkner

SO VOTED

SET DATE RE: TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

Council President Buck recommended scheduling a date on a non-Council Meeting night to meet with the search committee regarding their findings and recommendations for a Town Manager. Councilor Felkner suggested it could be scheduled prior to a regular Town Council Meeting. Councilor Thompson stated she would provide copies of the rubric and interview questions as requested by the Council. Copies of the committee minutes will be provided as well. Councilor Felkner thought the committee was to narrow the field down to two or three candidates that they would interview and then forward those candidates on to the Council for interviews. Councilor Kenney requested copies of Town Council Meeting minutes relating to the Town Manager Search Committee. Members of the Town Manager Search Committee will be invited to attend. Solicitor Buckley advised the Council to let the search committee know what the Council expected and wanted from them. The Council set October 5, 2009 as a date for executive session re: Town Manager update.

BUDGET STATUS

Council President Buck reported that un-audited figures for the fiscal year June 30, 2009 showed the Town was in the black.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilor Capalbo reminded the public the Public Utilities Commission would be holding a hearing on September 29, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall regarding the National Grid appeal of the Town's denial of the zoning ordinance text amendment. She specified it was not to complain about rate increases by the utility. She reported on the Depot Square Park Dedication Ceremony was scheduled for Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire Department.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the second public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

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

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk