

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 21, 2010

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

Note: These are summary minutes; a tape recording of this meeting is on file in Commission Secretary's Office in Wolcott Town Hall.

Chairman Santogatta called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Michael Santogatta, Vice-Chairman Steven Olmstead, Michael Bokon, David Valletta, Michael Perrone, Gale Mastrofrancesco, Francis Masi, Charles Marsella, and Rachel Wisler

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas Dunn; Brian Tynan, Town Attorney; Mark Garrigus, Chairman, Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission; Police Chief Neil O'Leary; Edward Stephens; et al.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

▪ Regular Meeting -- December 7, 2010

Upon **MOTION** by Francis Masi, seconded by David Valletta, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 7, 2010.

TAXPAYERS' TIME: (Limited to Items on the Agenda)

No taxpayers came forward.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

1. Finance Office Transfer, submitted by Linda Bruce
2. Letter dated December 8th to Rachel Wisler regarding her appointment to a seat on the Town Council
3. Email dated December 9th from Joe Hellman regarding blight issues on Garthwait Road
4. Letter dated December 14th from Mark Garrigus, Inland Wetlands Chairman, regarding a proposed Flood Plain Management Ordinance (proposed (#95) and current (#49) ordinances attached)
5. Letter dated December 16th to Jim & Kelly Pasquarella regarding a storm drain unit on their property
6. Letter dated December 16th from the Republican Town Committee requesting that Roberta Leonard be appointed to Library Board of Directors

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7. Letter dated December 16th from the Republican Town Committee requesting that Cathe Sherman and Sam Zotto be re-appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission
 8. Letter dated December 16th from Mayor Dunn regarding the hiring of new Police Officers
 9. Memo dated December 16th from Mayor Dunn regarding an invitation to the Swearing In Ceremony for the new Police Officers which will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, December 22nd at 4:00 p.m.
 10. Town of Wolcott Expenditure Report, Revenue Report, & Trial Balance, for month ending 11-30-10 (emailed under separate cover by Susan Hale)

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dunn came forward and reported the following:

- He, Linda Bruce, and various personnel of the Wolcott Schools met with their health insurance provider to discuss holding a Health & Wellness Fair; it is scheduled for January 20th from 2-6 p.m. at the Wolcott High School;
- There are many activities scheduled at the new Youth Center by the WALC while the kids are out on vacation

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT/TRANSFERS:

Mrs. Bruce was not present this evening. Mayor Dunn advised that there was one transfer submitted for approval.

Upon **MOTION**, by Michael Perrone, seconded by Francis Masi, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the following transfer; Commission for the Handicapped – 571, to 01-5-571-1-1139 Bowling Salaries \$600.00, from 01-5-571-1-1137 Rainbow Day Camp \$600.00.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Sub-Committee for the Review of Ordinances: Mr. Valletta advised that the sub-committee met with the Town Attorney regarding the proposed blight ordinance. They are tightening up the language and they will have something ready in a couple of weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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1. Nomination for Library Board Vacancy

Upon **MOTION** by Francis Masi, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to **appoint** Roberta Leonard to the Library Board of Directors (to fill vacancy).

2. Discussion Regarding Proposed Flood Plain Management Ordinance (on file).

Mark Garrigus came forward and referenced his letter that he sent to the Council regarding the proposed Flood Plain Ordinance (**see attached**). He advised that they currently have an ordinance from 1982, and that there are various language changes and new definitions that are mandates from FEMA. Mr. Garrigus explained the purpose of the ordinance and proceeded to display various maps that are sent to the Town from FEMA. He next pointed out the areas in Town on the maps that are most affected. He noted that this is basically run through mortgage lenders who review these maps when someone purchases a home or refinances their home. They then make the decision whether the property now requires flood insurance.

A brief question and answer period followed, after which it was noted by Mr. Garrigus that the most significant changes to this ordinance are new definitions and clarifications to the original one. The purpose of the new ordinance is to limit unwise development in a flood plain, and if there needs to be any activity in a flood plain, it must be supported by engineering calculations showing that it will not increase flooding in that area or downstream.

Attorney Tynan commented that the proposed ordinance is ready to go; there are just a few small revisions and some typos that must be corrected.

Upon **MOTION** by Francis Masi, seconded by Gale Mastrofrancesco, it was unanimously voted to **set a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.**, to be held in the Council Chambers regarding the proposed Flood Plain Management Ordinance.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

- Wolcott Schools Update
- Discussion & Possible Action on Proposed Flood Plain Management Ordinance

Chairman Santogatta advised to contact himself or the Clerk if anyone has any other items.

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No Taxpayers came forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon **MOTION** by Francis Masi, seconded by Michael Bokon, it was unanimously voted to take a ten minute recess at 7:54 p.m. and then **enter** into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel Matter and a Negotiations Update, inviting Mayor Dunn, Police Chief Neil O'Leary, and Edward Stephens.

Mr. Stephens was excused from Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Chairman Santogatta called the regular session back to order at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION**, Michael Perrone, seconded by, Charles Marsella, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi, Secretary
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Michael J. Santogatta, Chairman
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December 14, 2010

To: Michael Santogatta
Chairman, Wolcott Town Council

cc: Mayor Thomas Dunn
Brian Tynan, Town Attorney

From: Mark W. Garrigus
Chairman, Wolcott Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission

RE: FEMA required revisions to the Wolcott Floodplain Ordinance

I have reviewed the requested updates required by FEMA reflecting the changes to the Flood Insurance Study "FIS" and Flood Insurance Rate Maps "FIRM" that go into effect December 17, 2010 for the Town of Wolcott and have incorporated them into the existing Wolcott Floodplain Management Ordinance #49, dated May 5, 1982. The language changes and new definitions in Bold Print are changes to the ordinance that are mandates by FEMA for Wolcott to maintain it's good standing rating with The National Flood Insurance Program allowing residents to purchase flood insurance (revised ordinance attached).

The updated Ordinance has been reviewed and approved by Diane Ifkovic, CT DEP Flood Management Program. A copy has been forwarded to the Town Attorney for review and comment.

If Attorney Tynan has no comments, I am requesting that this be placed on the agenda for the December 21st Town Council meeting, set a public hearing for January 4th 2011, with approval that night by council if there are no objections so the ordinance can be effective by January 31, 2011.

Please call me if you have any questions at 203-808-0560.