

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

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Chairman Valletta called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken; a quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Valletta, Vice-Chairman Roger Picard, Domenic Angiolillo, Joseph Membrino, Donald Charette, Debbie Golden, Jason Stark, and Rachel Wisler & Francis Masi

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Thomas G. Dunn, Susan Hale, Municipal Finance Officer; Town Attorney Brian Tynan; et al.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting – October 20, 2020

Upon **MOTION** by Roger Picard, seconded by Donald Charette, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting, with two abstentions: David Valletta and Francis Masi.

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

No taxpayers came forward.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

1. Numerous emails containing photos and videos from Amanda Kosky regarding 47 North Street
2. Board of Education Expenditure Summary dated 10-31-20
3. Town of Wolcott Financial Statements for month ending 10-31-20

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dunn came forward reported the following:

- Update on COVID-19; many planned activities will be cancelled
- Continues to work on future bond package; provided a list of probable items

A brief question and answer period followed during which the following was noted:

- With regard to the Economic Development Manager, it was requested that he attend a Council meeting every six months or so
- Guardrail on Coe Road; appears to be almost to the road; Mayor will look into it
- Tank removal in Town Hall parking lot; job was stalled due a part that they've been waiting for
- Status of tree trimming for storms; Mayor noted they have kept it up well

At this time, a detailed discussion transpired between the Mayor and various Council Members regarding activities and issues at property located at 47 North Street. Discussion focused on the following:

- Original conditions were placed by Planning & Zoning in 2016
- Current problems i.e. excessive noise and lights
- Status of Cease & Desist in place; not being enforced
- Is enforcement of Cease & Desist order with the P&Z Commission, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Police?
- Who oversees the Planning & Zoning Commission if they do not follow through with enforcing their own conditions and stipulations that were placed on the property?
- An Ordinance was passed in 2002 that may help the situation; it was given to Attorney Tynan

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Susan Hale came forward and reported the following:

- Budget Requests for FY 2021-2022 will be distributed by the end of the week; they are due back to the Finance Office by December 30th

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- Gasoline recently went out to bid for next year; the Town facilitates the gas bid; they locked in at \$1.51 per gallon with taxes which is \$.35 less than this year
- The Board of Ed went out for Diesel and Heating Fuel earlier this year and locked in a price of \$1.57 per gallon for each, which is \$.29 less than this year
- For this fiscal year they have received 25% of their ECS grant money which is approximately \$3.1 million
- They also received the Municipal Stabilization Grant which is \$137,000
- Regarding a bond project, it is a great time to go out for several reasons: interest rates remain at all-time lows and the Town's existing bonded debt service decreases in FY 2022
- No transfers were submitted for approval

SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Education: Mrs. Wisler reported that the BOE had a facilities & program meeting last night. They discussed new courses for the coming year. Some of which include budgeting, writing resumes, filling out applications, etc. They are also working on a chemistry course and a French II course.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Discussion & Possible Action on Benefit Agreement for the Administrator of Public Works**

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Domenic Angiolillo, it was unanimously voted to **move** 'Discussion & Possible Action on **Benefit Agreement for the Administrator of Public Works**' to Executive Session.

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2. Discussion & Possible Action on Employment Contract for Police Chief

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Domenic Angiolillo, it was unanimously voted to **move** 'Discussion & Possible Action on **'Discussion & Possible Action on Employment Contract for Police Chief'** to Executive Session.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairman Valletta advised that if anyone has any items please contact himself or the Secretary.

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

No taxpayers came forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon **MOTION** by Domenic Angiolillo, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted at 7:32 pm. to **enter** into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters, inviting Mayor Dunn and Attorney Brian Tynan.

Chairman Valletta called the regular session back to order at 8:14 p.m.

Discussion & Possible Action on Benefit Agreement for the Administrator of Public Works:

Upon **MOTION** by Domenic Angiolillo, seconded by Jason Stark, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the Benefit Agreement for the Administrator of Public Works (**on file**).

Discussion & Possible Action on Employment Contract for Police Chief:

Upon **MOTION** by Domenic Angiolillo, seconded by Francis Masi, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the Employment Contract for Police Chief (**on file**).

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ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Donald Charette, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi, Secretary
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David Valletta, Chairman
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