

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Town Hall Council Chambers
March 1, 2010

Present: Michael Smart, Chairperson
Brian McDonald
Kenneth DiFazio
Ed Harrington
Arthur Mathews

Also Present: James Wilson, CFO
Michael Gallagher, Director of Administrative &
Community Services
George Lane, Town Solicitor
Sgt. John Concannon, WPD
Richard Grimes, Chief, WPD

Recording Secretary: Diane Hachey

Chairman Michael Smart called the Ordinance Committee meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

08 095-Proposed Ordinance-Tenant Identification

Chairman Smart noted that the author of this measure, Chairman Whitaker, has requested that no action is taken. Councilor Mathews motioned for no action, motion seconded by Councilor DiFazio, and voted unanimously.

09 140 – Parking Fines Ordinance Amendment

Chairman Smart noted that this measure was referred to the Ordinance Committee on November 16, 2009, the committee met on February 1, 2010. The public hearing was originally scheduled for February 16th but due to inclement weather the Town Council Meeting was cancelled. The public hearing has been rescheduled for later this evening

Chief Grimes reviewed the present fine schedule and his proposal for changes. The fines have not been updated in several years, and the department would like to address any changes in the schedule before additional ticket books are ordered. The proposal will increase \$15 fines to \$25, and \$25 fines to \$50. It will also add fines for an unregistered motor vehicle in a public way, a vehicle without a HP plate or placard parked in a HP designated spot, and a vehicle parked in a designated bus stop-each resulting in a \$100.00 fine. This fine will remain as is, since the Chief feels that it is appropriate.

Councilor McDonald motioned for favorable action, pending tonight's public hearing, motion seconded by Councilor Mathews, and voted unanimously.

09 124 – Designation of Conservation Commission Member as Special Employee

Chairman Smart noted that this item has previously been voted by the Committee (4-1). It was included on the agenda to serve as a reminder; the public hearing will be held later at the Town Council Meeting.

At 6:55 PM, there being no further business, Councilor McDonald made a MOTION to ADJOURN the meeting, seconded by Councilor McDonald. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted:

Diane Hachey/Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Chairman Michael Smart