

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

**Town Hall Council Chambers**

**January 16, 2007**

Present: Michael Smart, President  
Paul J. Leary, Vice-President  
Jack Carey  
Kenneth DiFazio  
Sue Kay  
Thomas J. Lacey  
Arthur Mathews  
Michael Molisse  
Patrick O'Connor  
Gregory Shanahan  
Kevin Whitaker

Also Present: Franklin Fryer, Town Clerk  
Jane Hackett, Chief of Staff  
George Lane, Town Solicitor

Recording Secretary: Janet Murray

President Smart called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Molisse stated that tomorrow night, 1/17/07, at 7:30pm there will be an informational meeting on Legion Field. The meeting is for the public to give input regarding the future plans for Legion Field. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers.

Councilor Molisse stated that the January Recreational flyer is out. He noted that there are many changes which have been made.

**MINUTES**

**Ordinance Committee Meeting-12/18/06**

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to ACCEPT the minutes from 12/18/06 and was seconded by Councilor Kay and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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**CITIZEN'S CONCERN/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

**Proposed Ordinance Relative to Illegal Aliens-Robert Casimiro/Richard Connolly**

Mr. Robert Casimiro and Mr. Richard Connolly appeared before the Council to discuss their concern regarding illegal aliens in our community.

Mr. Casimiro, Broad Street, addressed the Council. He expressed concern regarding illegal immigrants. He stated that Congress has attempted to address this issue; however two conflicting bills were introduced and the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress ended with no action on immigration reform.

Mr. Connolly, 79 Mill River Drive, addressed the Council. He stated that he believes that it is unfair and immoral for our fellow citizens to suffer while illegal immigrants are using services that they are not entitled to. Mr. Connolly cited statistics supporting his statements.

Councilor O'Connor, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, agreed that illegal immigrants are an ongoing concern. He agreed to have this issue discussed at a future Public Safety Committee Meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **06 154-Renewal of Town Auditor Contract-Ratification of Vote-Councilor Leary**

Councilor Leary stated that at the previous meeting item number 06 154 was tabled. There is a newly drafted contract before the Council. The change is to the end date of the contract; from June 1, 2010 to June 29, 2007.

Councilor Smart stated that Mr. Swanson has changed his mind regarding the length of the commitment he is willing to make in this contract. In his retirement, he has decided to leave the position as of June 29, 2007. He has agreed to stay on to train his full-time replacement.

Councilor Smart stated that the job must be advertised. The plan is to have a new auditor hired by May.

Councilor Leary made a MOTION to remove item 06 154 OFF THE TABLE and was seconded by Councilor Kay and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Leary clarified that the person chosen will be approved by the Council.

Councilor Leary made a MOTION to APPROVE the amended contract with the date change from 1/1/2010 to 6/29/07. The motion PASSED.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Senior Citizens/Public Safety Committees - Councilor Kay and Councilor O'Connor**

-Update on Conditions at Pope Towers

Councilor Kay stated that she and Councilors Leary and O'Connor have met with Mr. Midgley to discuss the ongoing concerns at the Pope Towers. She stated that although many of the concerns have been addressed, there still remains outstanding items, some tied to funding, some administrative in nature, and some mechanical.

Councilor Kay stated that she is working with the Mayor's Office to set up a meeting to discuss the positions of inspections departments and to create a plan to address administrative responsibilities. She stated that she will report back to the Council in February.

Councilor O'Connor thanked all involved for bringing these concerns to the Council and is pleased to see corrections underway.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **07 003-Hat Removal in Chambers -Councilor Lacey**

Councilor Lacey stated that he is looking for a referral to the Rules Committee for this item. This new rule would require the removal of hats when entering the Council Chambers. He stated that this would be out of respect for the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients who are honored in the Chambers and also because the Chambers are a formal setting.

A MOTION was made by Councilor Leary to REFER item number 07 003 to the Rules Committee and was seconded by Councilor Mathews and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50pm there being no further business, Councilor Leary MOTIONED to adjourn and Councilor Kay seconded and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Smart, President