

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, January 12, 2006 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:00 PM. Council President Richard presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll. Roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Salisbury --present	Councilman Farrar -- present
Councilman Marchant -- present	Councilman Winfield--present
Councilman Marcello -- present	Council Vice-President Budway --present
Council President Richard -- present	

At this time, members of the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) gave the Council a brief overview of their group. They explained to the Town Council that this is a new group that was formed at the High School last year. The group advocates non-violence, drinking, drugs and bullying. At this time, they have a meeting once a week. There are currently approximately 28 students that attend the weekly meetings. They recently competed in a “mock tail” at Amica Insurance Company. They competed against 22 high schools in RI and nearby Massachusetts. They had to adopt a person that has been killed by a drunk driver. They picked Joseph McHale, a Seekonk lawyer. They had to research his life and decorate a table with his favorite things. They also had to create a non-alcoholic cocktail in his memory. They won the competition.

Council President Richard presented a proclamation from the Town Council. He asked the members present to stand up and be recognized by the Council. Town Council President Richard thanked the members and the parent advisers for attending tonight’s meeting and congratulated them for their accomplishment.

Retired Deputy Chief Charles Collins was the next person to honored. Chief William Mack explained that Chucky recently retired with 32 ½ of service to the Scituate Police Department. He said that Chucky has served in every position in the department and has received many accommodations for his Police work. Chief Mack said that Chucky served as prosecuting officer for many years. Chief William Mack presented Charles Collins with a plate and certificate from the Town Council for his many years of faithful service to the Town of Scituate.

Chief William Mack asked Sergeant David Randall to step forward, he explained that David will be promoted this evening to the rank of Lieutenant. He explained that David is a 16-year veteran of the force, and that he has Master’s degree in criminal Justice from Roger Williams University. He also said that David is a graduate from the FBI Training Academy in Quantoco, Virginia. Lt. Randall also runs the Citizen’s Police Academy and has received five accommodations. Lt. Randall’s 3 children (Kelly, Derek and Victoria) came forward to pin the new badge on their Father.

Next, Patrolman Brian Sedgley was promoted to Sergeant. He is a 16-year veteran of the Scituate Police Department. Sergeant Sedgley is currently in the National Guard and has served throughout this country and served overseas in that capacity. He has three children and has served as the Dare Officer, Canine Officer, Firearms Instructor and on the Anti-Terrorism Council. Brian has an associate’s degree in Criminal Justice

from Roger Williams University. He has received 8 accommodations from the Scituate Police Department. His wife Nancy Sedgley pinned her husband with his new badge.

At this time, the Council recessed to have cake and coffee.

The meeting reconvened at 7:47 PM.

Councilmen Winfield rescued himself from the approval of the December 8, 2005 Town Council minutes.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marcello and voted by consent agreement to approve the December 8, 2005 Town Council minutes with the stated corrections.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to approve the abatements of \$0.00 and addition of \$2,775.84.

During departmental reports, Town Clerk Long reminded the Council about the League of Cities and Towns Annual Convention and Dinner to be held on January 26, 2006. She also told them about the upcoming budget hearings.

Director of Public Works, Richard Iverson told the Council that he feels that he has solved the problem at the North Scituate Elementary School. At this time, parents dropping off their children at the school are using the Scituate Common's driveway to turn around in. The owners of this property have complained because this is a liability to them and it inconveniences their tenants. Mr. Iverson said that he can make a turn around across from the driveway to the Common's on Town land to alleviate the use of private property. Mr. Iverson said that his department could perform the work if the School Department will pay for the materials, which will cost approximately \$4,500.

Councilman Salisbury said that he will approach the School Department about paying for the repairs.

Mr. Iverson informed the Council that the landscape enhancement project for both the Village of Hope and North Scituate will be starting soon. Mr. Iverson said that the proposal to upgrade Tasca Field will cost approximately \$4,000 for planning and \$4,000 for topographical surveying. He said that he will contact the soccer association to see if they will help pay for it, he is willing to use some monies from the recreation capital account to help finance this project.

Council President Richard mentioned that the football league is looking for places to practice and mentioned that the top field at Lawton Farm could be converted to a practice field.

Mr. Iverson said that it would have to be the backfield at Lawton Farm, and he feels that the Chopmist Hill Inn property has ample room to construct a practice field at minimal costs.

Councilman Marcello asked Building/Planning Director David Provonsil what the status is of the Hope Mill Project, specifically if they have gone to the Zoning Board of Review for a special use permit and if they are planning on having affordable housing units in this project?

Mr. Provonsil said that he is not sure but he will look into it.

Council Vice-President Budway asked if the Town's Affordable Housing Project was approved by the State.

Mr. Provonsil said it was, with revisions.

Chief Mack informed the Council that there are two people remaining on the interview list for the next opening on the police department. He said that he has offered the position to a young woman from Providence. He explained that this candidate has National Guard and Military Police experience. Chief Mack feels that she would be a great addition to the force. He is hoping that she will be able to attend the Municipal Police Academy that is starting in March 2006.

Chief Mack explained that the Annual report will be late because he is in the processing of replacing his administrative assistant. He told the Council that he will be hiring a replacement very shortly.

Judy Loven, Director of Senior Services, told the Council that there were 105 people that attended the Christmas party at the Chopmist Hill Center. She said that she had to borrow dishes, tables and linens for the event. She also mentioned that she would really like a sign for the building.

Richard Iverson, Director of Public Works said that he will work with Judy Loven to make that a reality.

Brenda Frederickson, Human Services Director told the Council that she gave out a lot of food baskets this holiday season and wanted to thank the staff of the Town Hall for sponsoring a family in need. Brenda told the Council that the Village IGA gives donations to the food bank weekly.

Councilman Marcello, asked Mrs. Frederickson what her office hours are.

Mrs. Frederickson said that she is in the office from 8-12 on Thursdays and tries to stop by in the evening to return phone calls.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to place and file all departmental reports.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to approve the 2006 Town Council schedule.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to approve the joint pole location on P3 Countryside Lane with Richard Iverson's approval.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to approve the Private Investigator's Licenses for Stephen Bennett, Darryl Drake, John McDermott and David Mink for a term expiring December 2006.

Councilman Winfield rescued himself from the reappointment of General Town Officers.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint the General Town Officers for a term expiring January 2007. (list herewith)

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Salisbury, and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Donald A. McCall, Albert Langlais and

Richard A. Mumford to the Minimum Housing Board of Review for a term expiring January 2007.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Farrar to re-appoint the Police Constables for a term expiring January 2007. (list herewith)

Motion made Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Salisbury and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Rose Clarke and William Mende to be a member of the Housing Authority for a term expiring January 2011.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Budway, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Jeffrey Hanson to the Plan Commission for a term expiring January 2011.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Budway, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint David L. Hanna, Jr. and Jeremiah Allen to be alternate members of the Plan Commission for a term expiring January 2007.

Councilman Marcello asked Mr. Provonsil if Mr. Hanna has attended more meetings this year than in the previous years.

Mr. Provonsil said that Mr. Hanna has attended many more meetings since he changed jobs.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Richard Pincince and Christopher Mason to the Wastewater Management Citizen's Advisory Group for a term expiring January 2007.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Budway, seconded by Councilman Salisbury to re-appoint John Winfield and Robert Budway to the Incentive Committee for a term expiring January 2007.

Councilman Marcello said that he was against the reappointment of this Committee because they don't have scheduled meetings and that the Town has too many Committees that never meet.

Council Vice-President Budway stated that he realizes that the Committee doesn't meet on a regular basis, but feels that it is good to have the Committee in place so they could act on a suggestion immediately.

Councilman Salisbury-aye

Councilman Marchant-aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Councilman Marcello-nay

Council Vice-President Budway-aye

Motion passes with 5 affirmative votes and 1 negative vote.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Farrar and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Martha Bower and Fred Ferri to the Scituate Recreation Committee for a term expiring January 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Farrar to re-appoint Forrest R. Sprague, Jr., to the Zoning Board of Review for a term expiring January 2011.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Farrar and voted by consent agreement to appoint Thomas Stones, Steven Gaddes and Merritt

Crowley as alternate members of the Zoning Board of Review for a term expiring January 2007.

Motion made by Councilman Farrar, seconded by Councilman Marchant to reappoint Robert J. Salley as member of the Building Board of Review for a term expiring January 2011.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Farrar and voted by consent agreement to appoint the Budget Committee for a term expiring January 2007. (list herewith).

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to re-appoint Ruth Strach and Cynthia Gianfrancisco as members of the Conservation Commission for a term expiring January 2009.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Council Vice-President Budway and voted by consent agreement to appoint Michelle Esposito as a member of the Juvenile hearing Board for a term expiring July 2006.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Council Vice-President Budway and voted by consent agreement to confirm the Town Clerk's re-appointment of Gail Chatfield as Deputy Town Clerk for a term expiring January 2007.

Town Clerk Long wanted to inform the Town Council what an integral part her office Ms. Chatfield is. She explained that Gail goes above and beyond in her duty to the residents of Scituate. Town Clerk Long stated that she is very fortunate to have such a helpful, dedicated, knowledgeable and nice person to serve as her Deputy Town Clerk.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to confirm the Town Treasurer's re-appointment of Sandra Young as Deputy Town Treasurer for a term expiring January 2007.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello, seconded by Councilman Marchant and voted by consent agreement to approve the amendment to the Town of Scituate Flexible Benefit Plan.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to appoint to the Police Contract Negotiating Committee consisting of Councilmen Farrar, Salisbury, Marcello, Budway and Chief Mack.

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to appoint Dwight Farrar and Edwin Rogers to the Emergency Management Committee for a term expiring January 2007.

Motion made by Councilman Salisbury, seconded by Councilman Marcello and voted by consent agreement to approve the resolution allowing certain school department employees to purchase temporary disability insurance from the State of RI. (list herewith)

Motion made by Councilman Marchant, seconded Council Vice-President Budway and voted by consent agreement to pay early expenses of \$247,847.40, regular Council expenses of \$13,716.37 and supplemental Council expenses of \$165,220.16, for a total of \$426,783.93.

During Council remarks, Councilman Salisbury asked David Provonsil if the Town should increase the Zoning violation fees. He thinks that might deter people from violating the zoning laws, it might make them think twice before they break the law.

David Provonsil said that he will research the matter.

Councilman Marcello mentioned that Mary Santilli, Tax Collector is retiring, and said that that position is an appointment from the Town Council not the Town Treasurer. He also asked why the Council was not notified of her retirement before this point. He feels that the Council should decide what the salary is going to be before hiring someone.

Councilman Marcello asked if the new appraisal of the PWSB has been completed yet.

Council President Richard said that the appraisal should be completed soon and that Karen Beattie, Tax Assessor will give as a report. He also mentioned that Mr. Borden will still represent us in the PWSB negotiations even though he has retired. He told Council President Richard that he will still be able to utilize his staff with the clerical work.

Council President Richard wanted to congratulate Councilman Marcello on his recent engagement, and said that he is glad that Michael is marrying a Republican.

Council President Richard informed the Town Council that he has recently been appointed by Senator Montobalno to a Committee investigating the Kent County Water Authority.

Council President Richard asked Town Clerk Long to add to the February agenda two closed sessions, one to discuss PWSB and the other to discuss the contract negotiations with the Public Works employees.

Motion made by Councilman Marcello , seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 9:25 PM and to keep the minutes of the meeting previously closed to the public; closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 and allow the Town Clerk 14 days to prepare the minutes of the meeting.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk