

MINUTES OF COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

July 20, 2010

Present: Mayor Yohey, Vice-Mayor West, Councilors Forrester, Toney, Foreman,
Barr, Jurgensen

Others Present: Ms. Alexander, Mrs. Caturano, Mr. Tkac, Mrs. Holtzlander,
Mrs. Frye, Maj. Colgan, Mrs. Ladd and 19 citizens

Vice-Mayor West read the certification to come back into open session from closed session, seconded by Ms. Forrester, all ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Yohey opened the public hearing at 7:00 pm, stating the public hearing is being held to consider amending Chapter 62, Article IV, Section 62-116 of the town code.

Mayor Yohey asked if there were any Proponents or Opponents wishing to speak on the proposed amendment.

Ms. Christy Hart, of 2560 Sedgewick Court, read a letter on behalf of the Williamstown Homeowners Association (WHOA); however the letter read did not pertain to the public hearing item tonight. The letter is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mrs. Caturano stated Ms. Hart's letter is addressing the towing ordinance, which is not before Council tonight. Mrs. Caturano stated she can answer the question, because she doesn't think the WHOA is quite understanding the ordinance, because it is not prohibited them from enforcing their rules and regulations.

Mrs. Caturano stated the section referenced in the letter where it states "...the owner or authorized agent..." is saying that either a police officer has to be present, the owner of the property or an authorized owner of the property (such as the homeowners association) has to authorize the tow, so it's still allowing WHOA to control it.

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Mrs. Caturano stated without the ordinance in front of her she can't go into a lot more detail than that. Mrs. Caturano stated if WHOA needs more clarification on that issue she would be happy to meet with them.

Mrs. West stated Council received an additional recommended change from the Town Attorney tonight, and just so everyone is on the same page wanted to know if the citizens had this change.

Mrs. Caturano stated no, it was just something she provided for Council. Mrs. Caturano stated she didn't want to make any changes prior to the public hearing because it was advertised without her recommendation. Mrs. Caturano stated the recommended additional language doesn't change the ordinance it just clarifies it better for enforcement purposes.

Mrs. Caturano stated this is an amendment she is requesting someone on Council make, if Council does want to pass this ordinance that that sentence be added, it is not on the agenda to take action tonight. Mrs. Caturano stated she just wanted to provide it to Council tonight as her recommendation.

Mayor Yohey again asked if there were any Proponents or Opponents wishing to speak on the proposed amendment.

There were none.

Mayor Yohey closed the public hearing at 7:12 PM.

Minutes submitted by

Approved by

Retta Ladd
Dep Clk/Treasurer

Fred Yohey
Mayor