

MINUTES  
Town of Easton Council Meeting  
November 1, 2010

**PRESENT AT CONVENING**

Mayor Robert C. Willey  
Council President John F. Ford  
Councilmember Kelley K. Malone

Councilmember Pete Leshner  
Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski  
Councilmember Megan M. Cook

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Robert F. Karge, Town Attorney Ms. Sharon VanEmburch, Town Planner Mr. Hamilton and Town Clerk Mrs. Kathy Ruf.

**CONVENING**

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

**OPENING PRAYER BY MR. WENDOWSKI AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mr. Wendowski opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2010 MEETING.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting were approved with corrections:

Ms. Malone stated that in regards to Ordinance No. 582, she is sympathetic to Mr. Wendowski's position.

Ms. Malone asked about the next Parking Board meeting. Mr. Karge is to follow up.

Ms. Malone asked how corrections of minutes are reviewed.

**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY.**

Mayor Willey stated that the budget has been distributed and each department is in excellent shape.

Mayor Willey updated on various projects.

Mayor Willey discussed a proposed noise ordinance. Ms. VanEmburch found what was prepared in 2001. She stated that she will forward a copy for review and comments.

Ms. Clendaniel has advised that the Town has been awarded \$50,000 for façade improvements in downtown area from the Community Legacy program.

Mayor Willey asked if the Park Board and Fire Board times should stay as in the past. It was the consensus of the Council to leave the times as previously scheduled. Mayor Willey will forward the 2011 schedule.

Mayor updated on grant for RTC property.

Mr. Wendowski asked about lights at Cadmus. Neighbors have concerns about the dark building.

Mayor Willey stated that a contract for the Cadmus Building may be forthcoming.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER.**

Mr. Karge advised that the meeting regarding parking has not occurred yet. He stated that the intent is to coordinate the meeting with the merchants' downtown meeting.

Mr. Karge discussed the upcoming Waterfowl Festival. He stated that a letter will be going out to the downtown merchants to distribute to workers.

Mr. Karge discussed the modification in municipal solid waste collection in the Calvert Terrace area.

A reception will be held at the Public Works facility in honor of a longtime Public Works employee, Stanley Morris' retirement.

Public Works has advised that leaf collection may be extended.

1 Mr. Hause has advised that he believes reinstating the Tree Board is a good idea. Mr. Bollman has been very  
2 active and may be considered as an appointee.

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4 **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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6 Ms. VanEmburch asked for a Closed Session pursuant to Legal Advice of Counsel (§ 10-508(a)(7)).

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8 Discussion occurred regarding an exchange of land on Chapel Road.

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10 **ORDINANCE NO. 582, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE**  
11 **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR ORDINANCE 461, WHICH GRANTED THE AMENDMENT TO**  
12 **A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR ELM STREET DEVELOPMENT, LC, TO MODIFY THE**  
13 **REQUIREMENTS FOR RENOVATIONS AND/OR RESTORATIONS."**

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15 At 7:30 p.m., President Ford opened the Public Hearing. He stated that it is a continuance of Public Hearing  
16 which pertains to Condition 23 of Ordinance No. 461.

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18 President Ford asked for Public Comments.

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20 President Ford entered into the record an e-mail from Mr. Don Richardson, Building Code Official. He stated  
21 there would be no action taken tonight on Ordinance No. 582.

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23 At 7:35 p.m., President Ford closed the public hearing.

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25 **LETTER FROM MR. JOHN ATWOOD, EASTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
26 **REGARDING PHASE II OF THE WATERSIDE VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER.**

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28 President Ford stated that Planning and Zoning had met on October 22 and reviewed the Waterside Village  
29 Shopping Center Phase II.

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31 President Ford set the Public Hearing December 6, 2010 at 7:15 P.M.

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33 **REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SEVERN COMPANIES TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REQUESTING**  
34 **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT MULBERRY HILL APARTMENTS.**

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36 Mr. Donald B. Kirkpatrick, Vice President Development, The Severn Companies was present and stated that  
37 they are planning a substantial renovation to the project at Mulberry Hills Apartments. He stated that they are  
38 applying for tax credits. One of the requirements for financing and tax credits is to ask for local support from a  
39 town official.

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41 Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that this renovation would make the project viable for the next 25 years.

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43 Mr. Wendowski asked if they will be using local contractors. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that when possible.

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45 Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone, permission was granted for Mayor Willey to send a  
46 letter of support for the redevelopment project.

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48 The time frame for the project is June 2011 with construction starting in June.

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50 **ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL**

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52 Ms. Malone reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day and the Easton Volunteer Fire Department's  
53 Annual Bull Roast is Saturday, November 6.

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55 Mr. Wendowski stated that WFF is coming as well as Daily Savings Time.

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57 President Ford asked for any audience comments.

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59 Mr. Charlie Kilmon was present to discuss a proposed noise ordinance. He referred to Ordinance No. 383  
60 regarding deliveries and pickups which are not to occur between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

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62 At 7:58 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford  
63 convened the regularly scheduled meeting into Closed Session.

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65 **ADJOURN**

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67 At 8:21 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford  
68 adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk