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The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mrs. Diglio, Mrs. Becker, Deputy Mayor Elvidge, Mr. Flynn, Mayor Ricciardo, Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager, and Ursula Leo, Esq., Town Attorney.

Mayor Ricciardo made the following declaration that "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this public meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 31, 2012."

Mayor Ricciardo led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the Clerk called the roll and upon motion of Mrs. Diglio, seconded by Mr. Flynn and carried, the minutes of October 28, 2013 (Special, Regular and Executive) were tabled until the next Council meeting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Ricciardo read the following statement:

"At this point in the meeting, the Town Council welcomes comments from any member of the public on any topic. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to 5 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a copy and email a copy to the Clerk's Office after making your comments so it may be properly reflected in the minutes."

Dan Finkle, Curator Director of Newton Fire Museum, provided a petition with over 700 signatures and read from a prepared statement:

"Members of the Town Council, I know that many options exist before you tonight concerning the future of the Newton Fire Museum. We've discussed many possibilities- tearing down the building to sell the lot, maintaining the front façade and building an entirely new structure, relocating the museum to different locations, or renovating the existing structure as it stands today. I'm once again asking in behalf of the Newton Fire Museum that the Council commit to preserving and restoring the historic building.

Since this Council's last meeting, the Newton Fire Museum committee has been busy investigating an additional option- a community project in which donated materials and volunteer labor could be utilized to complete the interior renovations. We've found that this would be a viable alternative which could allow the Town to realize the benefit of a completely renovated building while keeping costs at a minimum. We have professionals and businesses that are excited to contribute and willing to formalize their support, if in fact the Council makes the decision tonight to

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proceed with this project. Our next step is to identify the work which needs to be done, prioritize the order in which it needs to occur, and raise the funds to make it happen.

Maintaining the museum's present location in the shopping district gives it a key advantage of benefiting our neighboring merchants. Being centrally located in Sussex County's Downtown means our successes can support the successes of our neighbors. We've already made good progress with the creation of our paid attendant program. With the advantages gained from our recent attendance at a fire museum conference, we're prepared to continue building a professional and successful museum.

When we recently discussed acquiring a 1948 Mack fire engine which was original to Newton, we had to take a critical look at the project and make the determination: is it financially responsible to pursue this, and is it worth the value to our community to make this investment? Looking strictly at the numbers, it wasn't always clear. But when we took into account what it was worth to our community rather than a traditional purchase of a used vehicle, the answer was crystal clear. Six months later, I'm happy to report that we're well ahead of our fundraising goals, and have paid over \$20,000.00 of the \$56,000.00 sales price. We believe that with dedicated volunteers and the support of our community, the Fire museum renovation project will share the same success.

The State of New Jersey recently released a report identifying Sussex County as a prime tourism destination for the State. As the county seat, it's incumbent upon Newton to highlight our tourism-friendly attractions which will in turn help our local merchants capture as much value from this industry as possible. The Newton Fire Museum is in a prime position to attract visitors to our Town and support the tourism industry county-wide.

Each year, the members of the Newton Fire Department contribute over 4,000 volunteer man-hours fighting fire and protecting the lives and property of our citizens. Yet the fire department's service to its citizens does not cease once the fire is out. Volunteer fire departments build community. Every year we host holiday parades, breakfast with Santa, memorial services, tree lightings, the Firehouse 5K Run... and for a fire department which has been serving this Town for nearly 180 years, operating a fire museum becomes a logical extension of that community building function.

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In the past few months we've lost three members of our department; Bernie Shea, Jack Phlegar, and Charlie Thom, who in their lifetime have collectively given over 150 years of volunteer service to the Town of Newton. Yet even in their passing, after all they have given of themselves, all of them have continued their dedication to the community by dedicating their memorial donations to the Newton Fire Museum. The museum serves as a memorial and a tribute to those who have given so much of their lives to the citizens of this town.

The collection of artifacts housed in our museum is truly world-class. Based on a historian's professional opinion, the historical artifacts and other contents in our museum are valued at well over 4 million dollars. Unlike most fire museums which have drawn their collections from all over a state or region, the Newton Fire Museum's collections consists mostly of artifacts from right here in our town.

An investment to repair this historic structure will not only serve to protect this historic collection, but also help to continue the efforts to revitalize our downtown.

We elect our public officials to make not only good, fiscally responsible decisions, but also to represent the will of the people and make decisions that are in the best interests of the community at-large. Sometimes the math isn't always perfect, but here we have a petition with over 700 signatures from citizens who believe that the museum's intrinsic value far outweighs the cost and efforts involved in its preservation.

Please keep these thoughts in mind when making your decision this evening. Thank you."

Mr. Finkle presented a petition and noted that the petition now has over 800 signatures. Mr. Finkle requested that the Town Council continue the renovations of the exterior of the fire museum and allow the Fire Department/Fire Museum committee to do the interior renovations through donated materials and labor. Mayor Ricciardo indicated that this discussion will be held under Old Business.

Wayne McCabe, 125 High Street, County Historian and Architectural Historian, read from a prepared statement:

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen:

I rise this evening to address the matter of the Newton Fire Museum on Spring Street.

As you are aware- the Town of Newton acquired a lot on Spring Street in 1890 for the purpose of building a new engine house for the Fire Department. This building was

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erected between May and December of 1891, and dedicated on March 15th of the following year. The Fire House was designed in the Italianate Style of architecture.

This Fire House served as the main house for both the Kittatinny Hose Co. and Steamer Co. No. 1. The companies maintained their equipment on the first floor and had meeting rooms on the second floor.

This Fire House continued to serve our community for 87 years, until 1979 when the new Mill Street Fire House was opened, and the companies were relocated to the new facility.

It should be noted that this Fire House served not only the fire companies, but also accommodated the Town Council for meetings and served as a polling location for both primary and general elections.

During the 87 years of service as an active fire house, the Town essentially grew up around it- expanding to more than twice the population during that time period. In order to keep up with this growth, the fire companies also expanded.

Once the two companies relocated to the Mill Street Fire House- the Spring Street facility was converted into a museum that contained 19th and early 20th Century fire fighting equipment that was used by Newton fire companies. It also includes hundreds of historic photographs of the fire departments- some dating from the 3rd and 4th quarters of the 19th Century.

There are ribbons commemorating numerous social, political and community events that the fire departments were a prime participant in. There are also numerous presentation items that were given to the fire companies by other fire departments- silver speaking trumpets, chased coffee services, and the like.

All of these artifacts are reflective of the Newton Fire Department and the significant role that the companies and this particular fire house played in the development of our town.

Under the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan, the Town of Newton was the first community in the state to receive the citation of being a designated center. This designation was in response to our demonstration that we considered our downtown area to be critical to our future- for both commercial retail establishments, professional service firms and community services, as well as the historic character of the downtown area.

In 1988, Newton established a Historic Preservation Commission- which included all of Spring Street from the movie theatre down to the building that presently is the home of the law firm of Dolan and Dolan. The intent was to help preserve the historic character of the downtown shopping area and help attract residents and visitors alike to Spring Street. Again, part of that historic character of the streetscape included the Fire Museum building.

Over the last 20 years, relatively little capital improvements have been done to the building- the roof was replaced about 20 years ago—about 6-7 years ago the front doors were replaced, a side entrance was installed and the façade was painted. We are now faced with the situation of having to undertake significant improvements to the building in order to stabilize, preserve and restore this Fire House/ Museum- to help preserve it for future generations of residents and visitors to enjoy.

In my capacity as recording secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Sussex County Historical Society- I can stipulate to you this evening that it is the intention of our organization to work closely with the Newton Fire Museum in order to bring more people to both of our respective facilities- especially school children. And not just from Newton, but from surrounding school districts as well. Our facilities are only 2 or 3 blocks apart and it will be relatively easy to have school groups go from one museum to another in the same outing.

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We are jointly looking to reach out to the community at large and help educate them about the history of our community- the history of Newton- and the history of our county.

In order for us to accomplish this mission- the proposal that has been set before you- to have this Town establish a tight building envelope for the building and fill in the cistern- and then leave the interior work up to the firemen and community volunteers is a very positive approach to dealing with the preservation of the building.

While work is going on- the large wheeled fire equipment will be stored at the former McGuire automobile dealership building and a large amount of the museum artifacts will be stored at the Sussex County Historic Society. This is an example of the type of cooperative effort within the community that will help bring this project to a successful conclusion. You, as members of the Newton Town Council, have an opportunity tonight to do something very positive for our town- not just for the here and now, but for the future generations as well. I urge you to endorse the proposal set forth by the Fire Museum Board of Trustees and allow work to go forward on the museum.

John Steinbeck said in his book the "*Grapes of Wrath*"- "How will we know it is us without our past?" Thank you."

Neil Flaherty read from a prepared statement:

"My name is Neil Flaherty. I live at 154 Sparta Avenue, Newton. I have been involved as a volunteer in historical preservation and restoration for over 30 years with the South Street Seaport Museum in NYC. In that time I have learned two key principles: Preservation is expensive, especially when you are dealing with the results of years of benign neglect. The second is that the cost of preservations is worth it because of the resulting benefit to the community and public at large.

In the case of the Newton Firehouse the public is served by preserving our history and educating new generations about the character of the men and women who have served selflessly to protect our community. This not only honors their sacrifice, but inspires future generations to follow their example and perpetuates our values especially that of service to others.

It is true that the Firehouse building is brick and mortar but it is also more than that. It is a focal point of what makes Newton a special place. People working together i.e. neighbor helping neighbor for a common good. That is what the Firehouse represents.

To lose this building which is an icon of the downtown or to move the museum elsewhere is a loss of faith with those men and women who for generations have given of themselves to the Town of Newton. If we allow the firehouse and museum, which is a public treasure, to be lost we might as well stop pretending we have a historical town center because we will have cut the very heart out of it.

The preservation of the Firehouse will come at a significant cost but it is money

that we should spend. It is a destination spot attracting people to the downtown and it is a small repayment to honor those men and women who have given so much to our community and lastly it is a worthwhile investment in the future of our downtown and community as a whole."

Jacqueline (Jackie) Espinoza, JCP&L Representative for the Sussex County towns, introduced herself and made her services available to the Town through the Town Manager for all needs related to JCP&L.

There was no one else from the public to be heard.

COUNCIL & MANAGER REPORTS

a.) GNCC/ Merchants Group- Christmas Market at McGuire's

Mr. Russo noted that the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce/Merchants Group has cancelled their scheduled Christmas market for December 7, 8 & December 14, 15. There was not enough participation and will try to re-schedule it again next year.

Mr. Russo requested a moment of silence for Charlie Thom, Ex-Chief of Newton Fire Department/Retired S.C. Fire Marshal. Mr. Russo noted the date and times of the service for Charlie Thom.

Mr. Russo announced that the Town is a recipient of the Downtown New Jersey Award for our Strategic Vision Plan Update which will be awarded on Monday night in New Brunswick. Mr. Russo asked If Council was interested in attending to please let him know as soon as possible.

Mr. Russo announced that Town Hall will closed this Wednesday at 3 pm and will be closed on Thursday and Friday in celebration of Thanksgiving. On behalf of the employees and volunteers, Mr. Russo wished all a "Happy Thanksgiving!"

ORDINANCES

Mayor Ricciardo directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to final adoption.

ORDINANCE #2013-26

AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF A REVISED TOWN OF NEWTON PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of the Town of Newton §25-1 the Town Council of the Town of Newton is responsible for the generation of an employee personnel guide for employees of the Town of Newton in accord with the purposes declared in Subsection 25-2; and

WHEREAS, the Newton Town Manager, in consultation with his Department Heads and professional consultants, has completed a comprehensive review of the Town of Newton employee personnel guide, resulting in a new guide entitled "Town of Newton Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook," Revision Date October 2013, and has submitted said Guide to the Town Council for review and approval, a copy of which document is available for public review in the Office of the Municipal Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to approve and adopt the aforesaid new employee personnel guide as in conformance with the purposes set forth in Code Subsection 25-2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton as follows:

1. The document entitled "Town of Newton Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and Employee Handbook," Revision Date October 2013, is approved as the personnel guide for employees of the Town of Newton, and copies thereof are to be distributed to all present Town employees per Newton Code Section 25-1 and to all new employees henceforth.
2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication, as provided for by law.

Mayor Ricciardo opened the hearing to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Deputy Mayor Elvidge, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
	Mayor Ricciardo	Yes	

This Ordinance will take effect after publication and adoption according to law. The Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

Mayor Ricciardo directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to final adoption.

ORDINANCE #2013-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 110-24.H OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON TO INCLUDE A PROVISION REGARDING FUTURE PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Newton finds that Section 100-24 entitled "Miscellaneous fees and charges", as referred to in Chapter 100, "Fees and Costs" of the Newton Town Code, is in need of revision to include a provision, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:5-18(d), requiring certain future payments to the Town to be tendered in cash or by certified or cashier's check;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex, and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. Existing Section 100-24.H "Miscellaneous fees and charges" of the Code of the Town of Newton shall be and is hereby revised as follows:

H. Service charges for checks returned to the Town, per N.J.S.A. 40:5-18(c): \$20.00.

If any individual or business has a check or other written instrument to the Town returned two (2) times, all future payments to the Town must be tendered in cash or by certified or cashier's check, per N.J.S.A. 40:5-18(d).

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions that are inconsistent or in opposition to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance will take effect after publication and passage according to law.

Mayor Ricciardo opened the hearing to the public.

There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Deputy Mayor Elvidge, seconded by Mrs. Diglio and unanimously carried, the hearing was closed.

The aforementioned **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Diglio, who moved its adoption, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mayor Ricciardo	Yes		

This Ordinance will take effect after publication and adoption according to law. The Clerk will advertise the above Ordinance according to law.

Mayor Ricciardo directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE #2013-28

AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 307-55 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON TO DESIGNATE ART ALLEY AS A ONE WAY STREET

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Deputy Mayor Elvidge, who moved its introduction, seconded by Mr. Flynn and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mayor Ricciardo	Yes		

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on same to be held on December 9, 2013.

Mayor Ricciardo directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

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ORDINANCE #2013-29

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, TO ESTABLISH A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 25, "PERSONNEL", ARTICLE XI, "CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR RECREATION VOLUNTEERS"

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Diglio, who moved its introduction, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elvidge and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mayor Ricciardo	Yes		

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on same to be held on December 9, 2013.

Mayor Ricciardo directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE #2013-30

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND WAGES FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Becker, who moved its introduction, seconded by Mayor Ricciardo and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mayor Ricciardo	Yes		

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on same to be held on December 9, 2013.

Mayor Ricciardo directed the Clerk to read aloud the following Ordinance relative to introduction of same.

ORDINANCE #2013-31

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, CHAPTER 228, "SEWER AND WATER", ARTICLE VI, "WATER RESTRICTIONS; WATER BANS". ESTABLISHING A NEW SECTION RELATED TO OUTDOOR LANDSCAPE WATER CONSERVATION

The following **ORDINANCE** was offered by Mrs. Diglio, who moved its introduction, seconded by Mr. Flynn and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mayor Ricciardo	Yes		

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the above Ordinance be introduced for the first reading, with hearing on same to be held on December 9, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS

Cory Stoner, Engineer and Tom Kosten, Town Architect were present to address the Newton Fire Museum.

Mr. Stoner reviewed and outlined the summary of options for the Fire Museum. A lengthy discussion ensued surrounding the various options for the Fire Museum.

Joe Inga, 16 Birch Drive, requested the Town to finish the first phase which includes the exterior masonry and filling the cistern. Mr. Inga noted that the Fire Department is committed to finishing the project with the proper professionals/contractors. The Fire Museum Committee has commitments from licensed contractors as well as Home Depot to assist with the completion of the Fire Museum.

Mr. Russo noted that the Town's commitment is a total of \$277,000.00.

Mrs. Leo, Town Attorney, reviewed her concerns with regard to the volunteers assisting with the construction and addressed concerns with the insurance and liability. Mrs. Leo noted that all permits would be required but fees would be waived.

Mr. Russo questioned whether the Committee and Fire Department are committed to selling the fire patrol building, noting that this would offset the costs. And whether the Committee is committed to raising the balance of the funds needed to complete the interior work on the project.

Mr. Finkle assured the Town Manager and Council that the Committee and Fire Department are committed! Mr. Finkle will work with the insurance agent to ensure that the proper insurance coverage is acquired. Mr. Finkle also noted that they are committed to the fundraising efforts which are necessary in order to complete this project. Mr. Finkle noted that grants may be available for this charitable organization and will continue to pursue same.

Wayne McCabe, 125 High Street, believes that some of the costs could be reduced drastically due to not paying prevailing wage as well as updating the windows, not replacing same.

Neil Flaherty, 154 Sparta Avenue, recommended that the Fire Museum be opened as soon as possible in order to continue the community support as well as the revenue it

will bring in. Mr. Flaherty believes that with the "right" group of dedicated workers, anything is possible.

Jonathan Andrews, Owner of SpringBoard Shoppes, suggested that the commitment of donated hours should be counted as a revenue source.

Mike Alvarez, 8 Hillside Avenue, advised that he has spoken to licensed plumbers and electricians who are willing to donate their services to assist the Newton Fire Museum.

Jay Phelegar, Boonton Tire Owner and Newton Fireman, indicated that this is a dedicated group of firemen who are committed to this project.

Councilwoman Becker suggested that the Museum Committee continue to utilize Mr. Kosten, Architect, and Mr. Stoner, Town Engineer, who has put in a lot of time on this project.

Deputy Mayor Elvidge believes that the Town Council took a good look at this project which was expensive and needed to weigh ALL the options prior to making a decision. Mr. Elvidge is glad the Town can move forward with the decision to commit to the first phase and was very happy that the Fire Museum Committee stepped up to assist the Town and this project.

Mrs. Diglio thanked the Fire Museum Committee and Newton Fire Department for their commitment and dedication to this project. Mrs. Diglio also stated her support of preserving the Newton Fire Museum and spending the \$277,000.00 that the Town Council set aside for the Museum.

Mr. Flynn addressed his concerns with the time frame for the Fire Museum completion.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Ricciardo summarized that the Town has committed to completing Phase I, which is exterior masonry and filling in the cistern. It was further concluded that the Fire Museum Committee and Fire Department will commit to completing the interior, based on the design of the Town Architect, Mr. Kosten.

Mr. Russo will also move forward with the sale of the Fire Patrol building, which will go toward the Fire Museum project.

Anwar Qarmout, 45 Woodside Avenue, believes that the Fire Patrol building will not generate the estimated sale of \$150,000. Mr. Qarmout also suggested that the fire museum committee should not be given a time limit to raise the necessary funds to complete the project.

James Ciaravolo, 124 Spring Street, in a similar situation, noted that he has worked on a ship and his group raised over 12.5 million dollars to restore this ship. The ship was renovated by volunteers who were dedicated to this project. Mr. Ciaravolo believes that this fire department is as dedicated and committed as his group was on the ship project. Mr. Ciaravolo also offered a financial donation to the Newton Fire Museum to assist with their project.

Cory Stoner, Town Engineer, asked Council for approval of a change order in order to complete the necessary items prior to winter. Council agreed to this change order, with the stipulation that the Newton Fire Department will do the 'fire watch' which will reduce the cost of the change order.

Tom Kosten, Town Architect, noted that the cistern can be worked on during the winter but the exterior masonry will be finished in the Spring. Mrs. Diglio confirmed with Mr. Kosten that the installation of the staircase was part of the Phase I of the Fire Museum Project.

INTERMISSION – 10 minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ricciardo read the following statement:

"All items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Town Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda."*

Mr. Russo asked that the request for GNCC/Merchants Group to hold a Christmas Market at McGuire's be removed due to the cancellation of same.

Mr. Russo reviewed the various resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION #195-2013*

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A \$40,000.00 GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS COUNCIL FOR A TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS RECEIVING ZONE FEASIBILITY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton wishes to apply for a \$40,000 grant from the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council for a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Receiving Zone Feasibility Grant pursuant to the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act; and

WHEREAS, the TDR Receiving Zone Feasibility Grant provides funding to study the potential to create a transfer of development rights receiving zone within the Town of Newton. The study covers four areas with grant funding of up to \$40,000:

- Phase I – Infrastructure and Capacity Evaluation
- Phase II – Site Evaluation
- Phase III - Fiscal Analysis

Phase IV - Final Report

WHEREAS, this grant funding will be utilized by the Town and its consultants to complete the study with the exception of the fiscal analysis, which will be completed by an economic consultant authorized by the Highlands Council;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey that the Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute the TDR Feasibility Grant Application from the NJ Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council and is further authorized along with the Chief Financial Officer of the Town to execute all documents associated with the grant.

RESOLUTION #196-2013*

TO CANCEL RESERVE BALANCE IN THE WATER SEWER CAPITAL FUND

WHEREAS, a \$20,000.00 balance exists on the Water Sewer Capital Trial Balance for Reserve for Energy Audit Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reviewed and determined that there are no additional costs for this project; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balance to Fund Balance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by a majority of the full membership of the Town Council of the Town of Newton, that the Reserve for Energy Audit Improvements in the Water Sewer Capital Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 be cancelled.

RESOLUTION #197-2013*

APPOINTMENT OF KEITH MITCHELL AS RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT FOR THE TOWN OF NEWTON FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014

WHEREAS, the TOWN OF NEWTON (hereinafter "Local Unit") has joined the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Risk Management Consultant, as those positions are defined in the Bylaws, if requested to do so by the "Fund"; and

WHEREAS, the "Local Unit" has complied with relevant law with regard to the appointment of a Risk Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the "Fund" has requested its members to appoint individuals or entities to that position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of "Local Unit", in the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The TOWN OF NEWTON hereby appoints KEITH MITCHELL as its local Risk Management Consultant.
2. The TOWN MANAGER AND MUNICIPAL CLERK and Risk Management Consultant are hereby authorized to execute the Risk Management Consultant's Agreement for the year 2014 in the form attached hereto.

RESOLUTION #198-2013*

APPOINTMENT OF FUND COMMISSIONER AND ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton (hereinafter "Local Unit") is a member of the Statewide Insurance Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Fund's Bylaws require participating members to appoint a Fund Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Town of Newton that Thomas S. Russo, Jr., Town Manager, is hereby appointed as the Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tracy Villaverde, HR Coordinator is hereby appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Local Unit for the year 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Unit's Fund Commissioner is authorized and directed to execute all such documents as required by the Fund.

RESOLUTION #199-2013*

SUPPORT THE USE OF A NO PASSING ZONE ON ROUTE 206 IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) recently completed a traffic investigation on Route 206 in the Town of Newton; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT investigation revealed the current centerline pavement markings on Route 206 meet and conform to current design standards; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT will update existing records to reflect current *No Passing Zone* conditions along (US) (NJ) Route 206;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton of the County of Sussex, in the State of New Jersey, that we hereby support the use of a *No Passing Zone* on Route 206 in the Town of Newton as recommended by the NJDOT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to NJDOT as requested.

RESOLUTION #200-2013*

APPROVE PURCHASE OF THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton, as a municipality, is permitted to purchase items under New Jersey State Contract; and

WHEREAS, FF1 Professional Safety Services, 26 Gail Court Suite #1, Sparta New Jersey, is a current vendor through the New Jersey State Contract for the purchase of mine safety appliances; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newton Fire Department requires the replacement for their Thermal Imaging Camera through this vendor under New Jersey State Contract #A81357 in the amount of \$17,956.65; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available to support this project as per attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the Thermal Imaging Camera be purchased from FF1 Professional Safety Services, Sparta, New Jersey, through the New Jersey State Contract #A81357 in the amount of \$17,956.65.

RESOLUTION #201-2013*

APPROVE 2013 APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that the following 2013 appropriation transfers be approved effective this date:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Other Insurance OE 1069201	Town Manager OE 1050286	\$2,000.00
Road OE 1080260	Parks OE 10912	\$1,000.00
Swimming Pool SW 1090102	Swimming Pool OE 1090217	\$4,000.00
Inspection of Buildings OE 1077222	Stat. Expend-DCRP 1098294	\$800.00
		\$7,800.00
TOTAL CURRENT TRANSFERS		\$7,800.00

RESOLUTION #202-2013*

AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE FIRE MUSEUM MASONRY PROJECT

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2013 the Newton Town Council adopted Resolution #114-2013, awarding a contract to Edge Property Maintenance, Inc., for the Proposed Fire Museum Masonry Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen issues, Phase #1 of the project has not been completed, and Edge Property Maintenance, Inc., is advising the exterior of the building needs to be secured from the winter weather; and

WHEREAS, the Project Architect, Thomas Kosten of FKA Architects recommends in his memo dated November 20, 2013, approving Change Order No. 1, for the Fire Museum Masonry Renovation Project to include winter weather protection, which will increase the total contract amount by \$11,112.08 for a new contract total of \$163,174.08; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer, Cory Stoner of Harold E. Pellow and Associates, Inc., concurs with Mr. Kosten's recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available to support this change order as per attached certification;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it hereby concurs with the Project Architect and Town Engineer's recommendation and accepts Change Order No. 1 for the Fire Museum Masonry Renovation Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of Change Order No. 1, and recommendation letter of Mr. Kosten be attached to and made part of this resolution.

RESOLUTION #203-2013*

AUTHORIZE REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER FOR BLOCK 15.01, LOT 12

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 22, 2003 a lien was sold on Block 15.01, Lot 12 (formerly known as Block 801, Lot 12.01), also known as 28 Townsend Street, for 2002 delinquent water and sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #1205, was sold to Syed Rashid for 3% redemption rate; and

WHEREAS, CoreLogic Tax Services, LLC mortgage servicer for said property has effected redemption of Certificate #1205 in the amount of \$7,857.71;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges that Syed Rashid is entitled to the redemption in the amount of \$7,857.71; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$7,857.71 for the redemption of Certificate #1205 to Syed Rashid, 66 Franklin Turnpike Unit 59, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

RESOLUTION #204-2013*

CONFIRMING A REFUND OF MONIES DUE TO AN OUTSIDE LIEN HOLDER FOR BLOCK 19.03, LOT 13

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on October 9, 2013, a lien was sold on Block 19.03, Lot 13, also known as 44 Mount View Street, for 2012 delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #1388, was sold to US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III LLC for 0% redemption rate with a premium of \$9,100.00; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn McGahey owner of said property has effected redemption of Certificate #1388 in the amount of \$1,593.27;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that this Governing Body acknowledges that US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III LLC is entitled to the redemption in the amount of \$1,593.27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector has issued a check in the amount of \$1,593.27 for the redemption of Certificate #1388 as well as a check in the amount of \$9,100.00 for the return of the premium to US Bank Cust for Pro Cap III LLC, 50 S 16th Street Suite 1950, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

RESOLUTION #205-2013*

APPROVE BILLS AND VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that payment is hereby approved for all vouchers that have been properly authenticated and presented for payment, representing expenditures for which appropriations were duly made in the 2012 and 2013 Budgets adopted by this local Governing Body, including any emergency appropriations, and where unexpended balances exist in said appropriation accounts for the payment of such vouchers.

TOWN BILLS

651.65	B & R Uniform, Inc.	32708
586.92	Quill Corporation	32709
1,272.02	E.A. Morse & Company, Inc.	32710
467.62	Montague Tool & Supply, Inc.	32711
306.00	MGL Printing Solutions, LLC.	32712
117.00	ABCODE Security Inc.	32713
143.00	Sussex Car Wash Inc.	32714
651.65	G & G Diesel Service Inc.	32715
1,044.25	SCMUA	32716
91.17	Sussex County P & H, Inc.	32717
218.83	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	32718
2,979.32	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	32719
3,438.00	Hollander, Strelzik, Pasculli, Hinkes	32720
25,000.00	Capital Account	32721
61.04	Read, Lorraine	32722
26.29	Federal Express	32723
100.00	Sussex County Economic	32724
24.48	Hayek's Market Inc.	32725
315.00	New Jersey Planning Officials	32726
6,120.00	Ferraioli, Cerullo & Cuva	32727

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80.00	Ambassador Medical Service	32728
50.00	State Treasurer	32729
76.25	Newton Citgo, Inc.	32730
3,458.00	Mitchell Agency, Inc.	32731
925.30	Galls Incorporated	32732
1,478.92	Weldon Asphalt Company, Inc.	32733
647.00	Minisink Press Inc.	32734
925.00	Diamond Sand & Gravel, Inc.	32735
15.00	Sussex County Assessors Assoc.	32736
20.46	Sebring Auto Parts, Inc.	32737
707.10	Dempsey Uniform & Supply Inc.	32738
10,917.95	International Salt, Inc.	32739
5,140.00	Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce	32740
452.00	Airgas East	32741
103.75	L-3 Comm. Mobile-Vision	32742
638.93	Boonton Tire Supply Inc.	32743
80.68	McGuire, Inc.	32744
75.00	Sussex County Lock & Safe	32745
1,110.86	Dell Marketing L. P.	32746
75.95	Mr. John, Inc.	32747
70.00	Wildflowers With Tami	32748
40.00	Warren Co. Clerk's Assoc.	32749
75.00	Morris County Police Academy	32750
220.00	Advance Auto Parts	32751
323.68	Home Depot, Inc.	32752
209.13	Home Depot, Inc.	32753
6,204.65	Fire & Safety Services, Ltd., Inc.	32754
30.00	Mid-Atlantic For Safety &	32755
53.98	Paint Spot	32756
162.90	Ward's Flowers and Gifts	32757
3,195.00	Corby Associates, Inc.	32758
1,101.62	Staples Business Advantage, Inc.	32759
428.80	Staples Business Advantage, Inc.	32760
167.50	Sussex County Engineering Division	32761
15,200.00	Appraisal Services, Inc.	32762
96.00	CSS Test Inc.	32763
59.28	Nestle Waters, Inc.	32764
750.00	Black Lagoon	32765
7,159.33	Rachles/Michele's Oil Company, Inc.	32766
5,217.85	Taylor Oil Co., Inc.	32767
123.98	Action Office Supplies	32768
69.55	Newton Fire Museum	32769
76.84	Dawn Babcock	32770
2,057.70	Firefighter One, LLC.	32771
6,266.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	32772
32.66	Kieffer Electric, Inc.	32773
2,387.50	JMC Environmental Consultants, Inc.	32774
269.00	Condor Creations	32775
5,952.00	County of Sussex	32776
456.76	Global Industrial Equipment Inc.	32777
3,379.40	Glass Roots	32778
245.00	Sign-A-Rama, Inc.	32779
679.00	Tire King, Inc.	32780
168.00	Jersey Central Power & Light, Inc.	32781
800.00	Porter Lee Corporation	32782
28.74	Atlantic Tactical Inc.	32783
855.00	Trimboli & Prusinowski, LLC	32784
564.75	Penteledata	32785
1,770.00	Chelbus Cleaning Co., Inc.	32786
17.29	Janien N Roberts	32787
395.00	New Jersey Conference of Mayors	32788
192.40	Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp.	32789
445.00	Extra Tech Data Services LLC.	32790
50.00	Steve VanNieuwland	32791

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272.71	Harleysville Life Insurance Company	32792
665.00	D. Lovenberg's Portable Toilet Rent	32793
478.38	Kimberly Mason-Williams	32794
310.75	Tracy Villaverde	32795
2,527.00	Facility Dude	32796
992.00	RJR Engineering Co., Inc.	32797
178.00	Ceunion	32798
2,500.00	Community Resource Partners, LLC	32799
472.08	Toyota Motor Credit Corp	32800
236.00	Prime Lube	32801
575.00	Texas Canvas	32802
75.00	Kylan, Inc.	32803
100.00	Sussex Fire Department	32804
50.00	Bruce R Jones Gunsmithing	32805
193,644.46	Payroll Account	131080
764,092.67	County of Sussex	32707
3,907.89	County of Sussex	32706
46,649.66	County of Sussex	32705
21,314.10	County of Sussex	32704
125.85	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	32703
35.00	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	32702
2,985.05	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	32701
1,147.06	Woodruff Energy US, Inc.	32700
778.30	Vision Service Plan	32699
1,483.39	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	32698
190.74	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	32697
3,580.68	Sunlight Geeral Capital	32696
1,299.11	NUI Corporation	32695
1,480.25	Pellow, Harold & Assoc, Inc.	32694
7,704.02	JCP&L	32693
131,780.26	NJMEBF	32692
7,314.45	Direct Energy Business Inc.	32691
7,875.00	BNY Mellon	131079
93,745.00	BNY Mellon	131078
1,917.00	Water & Sewer Operating Act	131077
40.00	NJMMA	32690
2,000.00	Bank of New York	32689
50.00	NJLM	32688
65.00	NJLM	32687
198,146.60	Payroll Account	131076
775.00	Lakeland Bus Lines, Inc.	32686
22.00	Krave Café	32685
86.73	Teresa Ann Oswin	32684
350.00	Treasurer, State of New Jersey	32683
4,295.00	P.O.S. Solutions	32682
139.50	Elavon	131075

CAPITAL

3,915.23	McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC	8207
423.50	Home Depot, Inc.	8208
71.09	Paint Spot	8209
3,995.00	Corby Associates, Inc.	8210
256.00	Laddey, Calrk & Ryan, LLP	8211
303.55	Northwest Building Supply	8212
4,077.34	Kieffer Electric, Inc.	8213
1,125.00	FKA Architects, Inc.	8214
1,066.50	Extra Tech Data Services LLC	8215
1,299.50	J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC	8216
1,878.00	RJR Engineering Co., Inc.	8217
468.00	Patrol PC	8218
8,706.00	Pellow, Harold & Asso, Inc.	8206
4,250.00	Millennium Strategies, LLC	8205

Total TOWN BILLS \$1,678,925.71

WATER AND SEWER ACCOUNT

178.98	Quill Corporation	13888
483.00	SCMUA	13889
188.45	Sussex County P & H, Inc.	13890
10,421.66	Coyne Chemical Corp., Inc.	13891
35.09	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	13892
1,239.67	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	13893
1,155.00	Garden State Laboratories Inc.	13894
100.00	Sussex County Economic	13895
6,120.00	Ferraiolo, Cerullo & Cuva	13896
550.00	Willco, Inc.	13897
610.00	Minisink Press Inc.	13898
248,045.62	Water & Sewer Capital Account	13899
57.99	Carr, Joseph	13900
325.99	Dempsey Uniform & Supply Inc.	13901
4,864.00	R&D Trucking Inc.	13902
357.06	Airgas East	13903
402.00	JCI Jones Chemical, Inc.	13904
7,680.00	Passaic Valley Sewerage Comm.	13905
1,250.00	Smalley, John	13906
4,106.24	Main Pool & Chemical Company, Inc.	13907
153.92	Home Depot, Inc.	13908
240.24	Paint Spot	13909
4,106.43	Pall Corporation	13910
156.17	Staples Business Advantage, Inc.	13911
64.85	Dominick's Pizza, LLC.	13912
16.93	Nestle Waters, Inc.	13913
56.00	Eric Tompkins	13914
480.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	13915
1,008.00	Accurate Waste Removal Inc.	13916
119.90	Penteledata	13917
81.00	Dustin McGarry	13918
90.00	Extra Tech Data Services LLC	13919
866.60	Hatch Mott Macdonald	13920
717.50	York Analytical Laboratories, Inc.	13921
34,021.07	Payroll Account	136038
38.00	Water & Sewer Petty Cash Fund	13887
1239.53	Centurylink Communications, Inc.	13886
8,553.25	Pellow, Harold & Asso, Inc.	13885
2,929.32	JCP&L	13884
25,183.74	NJMEBF	13883
190.56	Vision Service Plan	13882
206.02	Verizon Wireless, Inc.	13881
3,100.56	Sunlight Geeral Capital	13880
516.11	Woodruff Energy US, Inc.	13879
10,626.64	Direct Energy Business Inc.	13878
528.60	NUI Corporation	13877
6,452.40	Hatch Mott Macdonald	13876
35,606.73	Payroll Account	136037
22.00	Krave Café	13875

CAPITAL

179.85	Montague Tool & Supply, Inc.	2319
496.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	2320
480.30	HD Supply Waterworks LTD 61	2321
1,996.50	Pellow, Harold & Assoc, Inc.	2318

Total WATER & SEWER BILLS \$428,695.47

TRUST

1,762.50	Harold Pellow & Assoc., Inc.	3187
1,333.33	Sloan, James P, P.C., Inc.	3188
360.00	Vogel, Chait, Collins, Schneider, PC	3189
32.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	3190
64.00	Laddey, Clark & Ryan, LLP	3191
282.50	J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC	3192
2,475.02	Payroll Account	137125
2,612.51	Payroll Account	137124
4,075.00	Madison Square Garden/ Entertainment	3186

Total TRUST ACCOUNT BILLS \$12,996.86

DEVELOPERS ESCROW ACCOUNT

967.50	Pellow, Harold & Asso, Inc.	1149
180.00	Vogel, Chait, Collins, Schneider, PC	1150
522.50	Dolan & Dean Consulting Eng, LLC	1151
2,550.00	The Buzak Law Group, LLC	1152
600.00	The Buzak Law Group, LLC	1153
197.75	J. Caldwell & Associates, LLC	1154

Total DEV. ESCROW BILLS \$5,017.75

FEDERAL/ STATE GRANTS

409.84	Montague Tool & Supply, Inc.	1173
330.00	Dominick's Pizza, LLC	1174

Total DEV. ESCROW BILLS \$739.84

RESOLUTION #206-2013*

PERSON-TO-PERSON AND PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NO. 1915-33-009-002

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1915-33-009-002, heretofore issued to J.C.'s Grill House, LLC, t/a JC's Grill House for premises located at 144 Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, J.C.'s Grill House, LLC has agreed to transfer plenary Liquor License #1915-33-009-002 to Sakel-Grapsas, Inc., the owner of the premises located at 144 Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Sakel-Grapsas, Inc. has submitted a complete application form for Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of a Class C, Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License bearing the State-assigned license number of 1915-33-009-002; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, and the transfer fees have been paid; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes and regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Newton does hereby approve, the Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Consumption License as follows:

- (a) Person-to-Person to Sakel-Grapsas, Inc. from J.C.'s Grill House, LLC;
- (b) Place-to-Place to 144 Spring Street, Newton from 144 Spring Street, Newton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to endorse the license certificate as follows: "This license, subject to all of its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to premises located at 144 Spring Street, Newton, New Jersey," NUNC PRO TUNC, effective June 30, 2012.

The Clerk presented an application for an on-premise raffle (Pull Tab) from the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #432, (LOOM), 4 Diller Avenue, Newton, to be held on January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014. It was noted that the application was in order and accompanied by the prescribed fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Flynn to approve the **COMBINED ACTION RESOLUTIONS**, seconded by Mrs. Becker and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mayor Ricciardo	Yes		

Upon motion of Mayor Ricciardo, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elvidge, that the application for a Social Affair Permit from the Greater Newton Chamber of Commerce for ChriskindlMart be removed from the Consent Agenda and denied due to the cancellation of the event and roll call resulted as follows:

Mrs. Diglio	Yes	Mrs. Becker	Yes
Deputy Mayor Elvidge	Yes	Mr. Flynn	Yes
Mayor Ricciardo	Yes		

DISCUSSION

a. Dog (Kennel) Ordinance

The Council reviewed the draft ordinance created by Legal Counsel, which would limit the number of dogs a resident can own in the Town of Newton.

After a lengthy discussion, Council agreed to limiting the number of dogs to four (4) dogs total. It was also amended to grandfather the owners who currently own more than four dogs now.

b. Elected Officials Insurance Ordinance

The Council reviewed the draft ordinance which will allow for the health benefits of Elected Officials to be discontinued.

After a lengthy discussion, Council agreed to the draft ordinance as presented and noted that elected officials serving as Council members as of December 31, 2013 shall be entitled to maintain their health benefits at the same coverage. All officials newly elected into the office after December 31, 2013 shall not be entitled to insurance

benefits from the Town.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Anwar Qarmont, 45 Woodside Avenue, addressed concerns with cats in the Town of Newton and suggested that cats should be included in the draft ordinance addressed this evening. It was noted that the Ordinance would only cover dogs and that cats would be addressed at a later date, if necessary.

There was no one else from the public to be heard.

COUNCIL & MANAGER COMMENTS

Councilman Flynn thanked the firemen for coming out.

Mayor Ricciardo wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving."

There being no further business to be conducted, upon motion of Mrs. Becker, seconded by Deputy Mayor Elvidge and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine A. Read, RMC
Municipal Clerk