



TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MACKINNON COUNCIL CHAMBER

MONDAY – OCTOBER 26, 2009 – Immediately following Council of the Whole

A meeting of the Southbridge Council was held on Monday October 26, 2009, in the Robert MacKinnon Council Chambers.

Councilor Lazo called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm

1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Councilor Lazo led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call. Councilors present: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: **NIKOLLA**
3. **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - (a) **General Government** Councilor McDonald had no minutes and no meeting scheduled.
 - (b) **Department of Public Works** Councilor Vandal had no minutes. Meeting scheduled Oct 28, 2009
 - (c) **Protection of Persons and Property** Councilor Vecchia had a meeting October 21, 2009 that reflects agenda items 9 and 11 on tonight's schedule. No meeting scheduled.
 - (d) **Education and Human Services** Councilor Clemence had no minutes. Meeting scheduled October 29, 2009
 - (e) **Planning and Development** Councilor Lazo had no minutes. Meeting scheduled October 29, 2009
4. **Swearing In Ceremony/Awards Presentation.**
 - a. **Presentation of Distinguished Service Award(s) for the Town of Southbridge's 2009 Community Clean Up.** Councilor Lazo presented awards to five persons/businesses in town: Future of Southbridge, Center of Hope, Evelyn Patrelli, Iglesia Tiempo Church, Assembly of God and George Parent.
5. **Chairman's Announcements** Councilor Lazo mentioned the funeral of Al DiPietro was today who was an avid member of the town. Moment of silence for his family.

6. Town Manager's Announcements;

- a. SEFA form enclosed for Southbridge Fuel Assistance Program. Spaghetti supper Friday November 20, 2009 and turkey shoot at 153 Chesnut Street at 6:00pm. \$10.00 fee for dinner.
- b. Alpine Drive work starts October 27, 2009
- c. Eye of Southbridge show being aired with SCORE-retired citizens who are generating business.
- d. Discussion to made adjustments to agenda including adding to accept minutes of October 19, 2009 and include citizen's forum.

6a. Vote to accept minutes of October 19, 2009. Motion made by Councilor McDonald and seconded by Councilor Livengood. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Abstain: **REGIS** Excused: **NIKOLLA** Motion passes

7. **Councilor's Forum.** Vote to suspend rules to change to citizen's forum. Motion made by Councilor Vecchia and seconded by Councilor Livengood. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: **NIKOLLA** Motion passes
- 7a. Citizens Forum:** Melissa Joyce, 5 Worcester Street asked Councilor Lazo to present awards to those not present earlier in the evening.

8. **Vote to renew appointments of Auxiliary Police Officers.** Kevin Arena, Leonard Bean, John Calcagni, Daryl Caouette, Joe Coggans, Gary Forcier, Ed Gilfoy, John Hart, Robert Lamothe, Frank Leo, Michelle Reyes, Aaron Tetlow for a term of three years ending June 30, 2012. Motion made by Councilor McDonald and seconded by Councilor Livengood. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: **NIKOLLA** Motion passes

9. **Vote to appoint Michael T. Nickl for the position of Auxiliary Police Officer for a term of three years. The term to expire June 30, 2012.** Motion made by Councilor McDonald and seconded by Councilor Livengood. Vecchia clarified with the chief that this would make a total of 24 auxiliary officers. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: **NIKOLLA** Motion passes

10. **Vote to accept a transfer of FY2010 Local Cultural Council Funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to our local cultural council account.** Motion made by Councilor McDonald and seconded by Councilor Livengood. Councilor Logan clarified that the town receives \$8,307.00. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: NIKOLLA Motion passes
11. **Vote to enter into an agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through its Highway Department and the Town of Southbridge Fire Department for the reconstruction of Route 131.** Motion made by Councilor McDonald and seconded by Councilor Livengood. Councilor Vecchia clarified this was approved at subcommittee that DPW would pay \$313.00 for new poles. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: NIKOLLA Motion passes
12. **Vote to sign Warrant for the January 19, 2010 Special State Election.** Motion made by Councilor Livengood and seconded by Councilor Logan. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: NIKOLLA Motion passes. A motion was made by Councilor Livengood and seconded by Councilor McDonald to suspend rules to include vote to sign warrant on December 8, 2009. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: NIKOLLA Motion passes
- 12A. Vote to sign warrant on December 8, 2009 for Special State Election.** A motion was made by Councilor Livengood and seconded by Councilor Logan. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: NIKOLLA Motion passes
13. **Vote to enter into agreement with Chambers Advisory Group. They will provide an analysis of telephone services in order to assist with identifying areas of potential cost savings and to increase efficiencies in all areas of telecommunications.** Motion made by Councilor McDonald and seconded by Councilor Livengood. Councilor Logan inquired about adding dollar amount in the vote in future. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: NIKOLLA Motion passes
14. **Vote to suspend rules to include Councilors Forum.** A motion was made by Councilor Livengood and Councilor Vandal. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL.** Those in favor: **CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA.** Excused: NIKOLLA Motion passes.

15. Councilors Forum

Councilor McDonald gave a High Street update

Councilor Regis reported that five residents on Guilford Road had sewer installation upgrade to new system and been bettered.

Councilor Clemence requested Emergency Fuel Assistance forms mainstreamed on website would be helpful

16. Discussion of next meeting date. Councilor Vecchia reported next meeting dates as November 9, 2009 and November 30, 2009.

17. Adjournment. Motion made by Councilor Livengood and seconded by Councilor Regis. Vote by show of hands. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Williams MASc