

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATION & EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Tuesday, March 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Rivers, DeLorenzo, Hypolite, and Deputy Mayor Gamble

Also present were: Councilor Washington, Philip K. Schenck, Town Manager, Sharron Howe, Assistant to the Town Manager and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Administrative Report from the Town Manager

Mr. Philip K. Schenck, Jr., Town Manager reported to the subcommittee several updates in town government affairs:

- Mr. Schenck, Jr. and Mr. Thom Hooper, Director of Planning met with Goman & York Property Advisors, LLC to discuss their as the Economic Development consultant firm with the town.
- The legal documents for the Lisa Lane Farm have been in halted for the past three months with the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the State of Connecticut – Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Both attorneys representing the respective agencies could not agree on contractual language. A tentative closing is scheduled by the end of April 2014 once an agreement has been reached.
- On March 11, 2014 the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 budget presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- On March 7, 2014 a meeting will be held with representatives from the Niagara Water Company to discuss their interest in building a distribution center on the Griffin Land property. This will be their 19th plant in the Northeast area and would boost the town significantly towards economic development advancement.
- Governor Malloy has requested municipalities to open up warming centers due to the upcoming inclement weather. The town will have an active open warming center at the Senior Center.

- There is no concern regarding salt shortages for the treatment of roads during this winter season. All deliveries have arrived to the Public Works garage.
- On March 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., a meeting will be held with the Town Manager and to Director of Finance will the Board of Education administration to discuss the school closeout process for the building committees. They will also review strategies on “holding harmless” for school reimbursements. The audit process will be determined as an internal or external proposal once reviewed by the State. State Representative Beth Bye and David Baram will be notified about the meeting.
- Councilor Rivers inquired about MDC having possible issues with the proposal of the Niagara Water company. Mr. Schenck, Jr. stated that MDC may have an issue with a second or third bottling line due to water capacity. The water capacity is somewhat a concern and a need for the Town of Windsor – Great Pond project. There is a need of approximately \$23,000,000 to upgrade the water lines to sustain the amount of usage for the area. The town may petition the State Legislature to advocate for assistance.
- Mr. Martin Geitz, President of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce will present their new rebranding campaign at the next scheduled Town Council meeting, March 10, 2014.
- Ms. Tollie Miller sent an e-mail to Council members requesting their endorsement and advocacy of the Home Energy Solutions program.
- Councilor Rivers will request that the Board of Education hold open houses of all of the newly renovated schools for residents to view.

Adjournment

It was moved by Councilor Washington, seconded by Councilor Hypolite and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.