
Coventry Town Council

Quiet night at Coventry Town Council meeting

Schools get \$325,000 for reliable internet; campground licenses renewed

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COVENTRY — It was quiet Monday night at the Coventry town council meeting with a relatively quick agenda.

School Committee member Ann Dickson offered a summary of how the school district has been functioning over the past month.

Dickson explained how a wireless classroom initiative grant of \$325,000 has been awarded to

Coventry.

“The initiative provides reliable internet and bandwidth to all classrooms in Coventry Public Schools,” she said. “At this time, the superintendent is working with the vendor to develop a timeline.”

Dickson gave an update on the three-year strategic plan which was approved by the school committee in September.

Team leaders have been assigned to each process area and each objective, the leaders have formed teams to de-

velop and implement action plans and the superintendent identified top-level key performance indicators and metrics so we can measure how well the goals are being implemented.

“Time is always a challenge,” she said. “We have a very aggressive schedule for the strategic plan and many projects are being managed. We have had excellent support from the community and teachers for the plan.”

Also on the night’s agenda, inspections were conducted by the police

department and zoning department and all state of Rhode Island requirements have been fulfilled to renew campground licenses for Hickory Ridge, Camp Ayoho and Water’s Edge formally known as Colwell’s Campground.

Brian Bamford, owner of the camp grounds, said the state came out and he passed all inspections. He explained that the buffers of trees he planted were not required but an extra step he took in an effort to improve his property.

In other items listed on the council meeting agenda, Coventry Town Manager, Finance Director Robert Thibeault and Police Lieutenant Dennis Skorski were reappointed to the Police Pension Board. Thibeault was also appointed to the Municipal Employees Pension Board.

Hoover was given approval by the council to execute a consent agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

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to repair Upper Pond Dam

“A good deal of this work can be done in-house,” Hoover explained, “but a portion of this work must be done by a state engineer and we don’t have that person yet.”

A bond anticipation note was approved by the council to not exceed \$500,000 to finance air quality and energy efficiency improvements and other repairs and renovations to school buildings and other municipal buildings in the town.