

**SOUTHBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WHOLE
MACKINNON COUNCIL CHAMBER
MONDAY-OCTOBER 26, 2009 7:00pm**

A meeting of the Southbridge Council of the Whole took place on Monday, October 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert MacKinnon Council Chambers

1. **Open Meeting.** Chairman Lazo called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and 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. **Discussion of the Town Manager's setting Goals & Objectives.** Town Manager Chris Clark identified five goals to be obtained within the next two years. They include:
 - a.) Completion of FY 2011 budget
 - b.) New school construction over a two year span
 - c.) Continue to sell water to Charlton
 - d.) Promotional Development with media aid
 - e.) Labor relations with Police and DPW unions

Comments consisted of Councilor Vecchia reporting being satisfied with Town Manager to date. Impressed by recent health care savings to the town. He inquired about Real Estate tax being affected by additional 2009 cuts as well as security that water/sewer rates were at the minimum. Town Manager Clark responded that a December tax meeting will report on additional cuts, which he is attempting to keep at a minimum. The Health care plan is being reviewed by the Insurance Advisory Committee on Thursday October 29, 2009. Councilor Livengood promotes the town and supports goals that are easily track able. He added that he feels Town Manager Clark is doing a great job. Councilor Logan proposed an additional goal to include developing a plan for the development of the Industrial park. In addition, inquired about funding an additional position in Sandy Ackley's office to promote the town. Town Manager Clark will elaborate on his development goal as requested and reported that grant funding would be the only way to add employment to Sandy Ackley office and economic development is the key priority to make the town grow. Lastly, Councilor Regis made a point to comment that although she agrees with these goals; Council should be reviewing Town Manager Clark for his work, not leftover from previous town manager if goals are not met. She is also seeking future goals to include merit based raises. A motion was made by Councilor Livengood and seconded by Councilor Vecchia to support these two year goals as outlined with additions finalized by council notes above.
VOTE BY ROLL CALL. Those in favor: CLEMENCE, LAZO, LIVENGOOD, LOGAN, MCDONALD, REGIS, VANDAL and VECCHIA. Excused: NIKOLLA. Motion passes.

4. **Adjournment.** A motion was made by Councilor Livengood and seconded by Councilor Vecchia to adjourn. **VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS.** All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Williams, MASC
Recording Clerk