

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JULY 20, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Jayme Stevenson, First Selectman; Susan Marks; Christopher (Kip) Hall; Gerald Nielsen; E. Reilly Tierney

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Office; Anthony Homicki, Tax Assessor, Wayne Fox, Town Counsel

OTHERS: Walter Casey, Rita Bailey, Janice Marzano

CALL TO ORDER

. The First Selectman called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Casey, of 8 Webster Valley Road, read from the following statement:

On July 6, 2015, Ron Hammer, Director of Post 53, addressed the BOS. He reported that because of the State increasing the training requirements for AEMTs, Post would be dropping the AEMTs. Post is already inadequate. The plan is to make itself even more inadequate. Post and Darien are already behind. Now we will be even further behind.

Hamer said the only problem will be “If IVs are required Paramedics will establish them...as they do today.” Hammer’s statement implies that there is no real change but if that is true why have we had AEMTs all these years if paramedics have been doing IVs all along? I believe Hammer deliberately and incoherently downplayed the importance of this change.

The real problem is that a patient will have to wait an average of approximately 15 or 16 minutes for a paramedic. This is the average all in response time including the switch from Darien PD to CMED, the time to dispatch a paramedic and the drive time to the scene. This is a completely unacceptable response time.

IVs are used for hydration and medication. Even hydration can be serious and medications include drugs for pain cardiac arrests, allergic reactions and other life threatening conditions. What the State is trying to do is improve emergency medical services and bring backward communities like Darien up to speed. In Darien’s case it means having paramedics based in Darien.

There was discussion regarding checking the percentage of calls requiring IVs as well as the verification of average response time. First Selectman Stevenson said there was an RFP out for a consulting firm to review Post 53 and examine all potential issues.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson reported as follows:

On behalf of the Board of Selectman, I want to extend our condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of Mr. Stephen Zangrillo, founder of the Darien Sport Shop and beloved local philanthropist; as well as to the family of retired Darien Police Lieutenant James Winn. Officer Winn served our town for 30 years and was the first African-American Police Officer in the history of the Darien Police Department. We are grateful for the important contributions both of these gentlemen have made to our town.

With temperatures above 90 degrees, I ask that you check on family and friends who might be vulnerable to the heat. If you have concerns for anyone affected by the heat, you can contact my office, Darien Human Services, or Post 53 for assistance.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff reported the annual performance evaluation process is moving forward with department heads to have a pay plan in place for approval in August.

Mr. Kilduff said the electricity procurement market was being studied, although the current price lock is good through 2016, market conditions indicate there may be other opportunities to get favorable rates into the future.

Mr. Kilduff Demolition continues on the two properties. He said there also need to be a future discussion on various issues involving Colonial Homes, is the 30 unit affordable housing development.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss and Take Action on a request from the Depot for Additional Lighting

As Ms. Marzano was due to arrive at 7:30, the item was postponed until her arrival.

b) Discuss and Take Action Granting Permission to the Darien Domestic Abuse Partnership to hold a Walk a Mile in Her Shoes on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

Ms. Bailey spoke and described the Darien Domestic Abuse Partnership and its work to stop and prevent Domestic Abuse. She said in the past there had been a fund raising event with butterflies, but due to concern for the butterflies, the organization had decided to participate in a national event "Walk in Her Shoes." In this event sponsored first responders will don red heels (with the option of sneakers) and walk a mile from Hindley School to the Police Department.

Permits and insurance are all in place. She said she hoped the event would become a regular annual event.

**** MR HALL MOVED THAT BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE TOWN OF DARIEN HEREBY GRANT PERMISSION TO THE DARIEN DOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP TO HOLD “WALK IN HER SHOES” 1-MILE WALK TO TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015 STARTING AT HINDLEY SCHOOL, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c) Discuss and Take Action on Approval of Assessment Appeals

Mr. Homicki said there were two assessment appeals this year that had been reviewed by the court through pre-trial and were up for approval.

Mr. Homicki said the Milman property re-assessment was well within reason.

**** MR. HALL MOVED THAT THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF STEPHAN MILMAN V. TOWN OF DARIEN TO AMEND THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY TO \$5,200,000 FROM \$5, 551,000, EFFECTIVE WITH THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STIPULATION FOR JUDGEMENT.**

**** MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Homicki explained the Stefanoni property, although designated as a multi-family unit, it had always been utilized as a one family property and should be assessed as such. The property had been purchased by Stefanoni in 2009 for \$1,150,000.

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED THAT THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF CHRISPHER STEFANONI ET AL. V. TOWN OF DARIEN TO AMEND THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AT 4 PHEASANT RUN, TO \$1,350,000 FROM \$1,970,200, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STIPULATION FOR JUDGEMENT.**

**** MR. HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

a) (CONTINUED)

Ms. Marzano spoke and explained the new lights at the back of the Depot, which would be controlled by the Depot and shut off around 11 pm. She said more kids had come back and started “hanging out” at the Depot. She said the plan was paid for by a generous donation, approved by Planning and Zoning, with no objections from the surrounding neighbors. She said Metro North had no problem with the project. She said Vogue electric, who had handled Depot work for a number of years, would be installing the long lasting LED lights.

- ** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS AT THE BACK OF THE DEPOT AS SPECIFIED.
- ** MR. HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

d) Transfers

Mr. Kilduff said the transfers were a matter of moving money from various insurance designations at the end of the fiscal year in order to balance accounts.

- ** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFRS AS FOLLOWS:

Insurance

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From: _____			To: _____		
Acct No.	Account	Amount	Acct No.	Account	Amount
10703611-82523	Accident Ins.	15,000	10703611-82521	Property Ins.	6,122
10703611-82527	Auto Ins.	3,682	10703611-82522	Boiler/Machinery	7
10703611-82533	Safety Program	225	10703611-82526	General Liability	6,199
10703611-82525	Worker’s Comp	1,714	10703611-82528	Umbrella Liability	8,451
10701001-82001	Medical Ins.	1,397	10703611-82529	Public Officials	1,239
	Total	\$22,018		Total	\$22,018

- ** MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNAIMOUSLY.

APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS

- ** MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS:

a) Kim Huffard to the Police Commission for a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2018.

- b) Rocco Genovese to the Sewer Commission for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016
- c) Peter Van Winkle to the Sewer Commission for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2014 and expiring on December 31, 2016
- d) Geraldine Genovese to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2014 and expiring on March 31, 2017
- e) Ray Slavin to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2015 and expiring on March 31, 2017
- f) Amy Squyres to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2015 and expiring on March 31, 2018.
- g) Ron Heinbaugh to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2015 and expiring on March 31, 2018
- h) Mary McCarthy to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2015 and expiring on March 31, 2017
- i) Joe Pankowski to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2015 and expiring on March 31, 2018
- j) Cindy Ryan to the Beautification Commission for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, and expiring on November 30, 2017
- k) Suzanne Schutte to the Beautification Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 1, 2014 and expiring on November 30, 2017
- l) David Polett to the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 1, 2014 and expiring on November 30, 2017
- m) Becky Siciliano to the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 1, and expiring on November 30, 2016
- p) Marian Castell to the position of Town Historian for a 2-year term beginning on April 1, 2015 and expiring on March 31, 2017

** MR. HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no matters to review at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Special Meeting of June 29, 2015

- ** MR. NIELSEN MOVED APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 29, 2015.**
- ** MR. HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b) Regular Meeting of July 6, 2015

- ** MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 6, 2015.**
- ** MR. HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. HALL MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Lund
Telesco Secretarial Services