

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

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

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

REPORT from Upper Pond Restoration Project– Gorhams Pond

Mr. Lundeen acknowledged the following members of the Friends of Gorham’s Pond that were in attendance: Carol Smith, Nick DeMarco, and Bob Struthers. He provided his report, along with the report from June 2013, and the update is summarized as follows:

- The Friends of Gorhams Pond (FOGP) is a registered 501(c)3 environmental group, dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the freshwater environment of the Goodwives River/Stony Brook watershed, which encompasses approximately 65% of the land area of the Town of Darien.
- In 2010, granted \$150,000 in a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant from the state, and project had been included with another \$400,000 STEAP grant.
- Post-Storm Sandy, DEEP has expressed interest in finding sand for beach restoration.
- “Total Clean System”, new technology to convert our sediment into a desirable and useful sand commodity – working with DEEP and Environmental Preservation Commission (EPC)
- Hopeful with the additional state grant money, to implement the “bench-scale test” to determine how we dredge and dispose of sediment, and the project construction budget.
- Goal for public/private partnership is to get State, Federal, and local permits by May; contract bidding May-June, construction during water period of August-October 2014.

First Selectman Stevenson noted that this should position the project as an economic valued asset that can greatly help the Town and other communities.

REPORT – Pension Committee

Ms. Kelly Galvin provided an overview that the pension fund is approximately \$60 million, all CAP value strategy that has achieved strong returns in the equity market as of 2013. She fielded questions and comments that the Board meets quarterly and reviews the manager performance and benchmark allocation of the investment guidelines. She explained that the fund is comprised of 60% equity, 40% fixed income and is approximately 80% funded. She explained that based on actuarial guidelines, return expectations are allocated with the investment goal of 7.5%.

First Selectman Stevenson thanked Ms. Galvin for the report and for the hard work that the Pension Board does to give Town employees a sense of comfort that the fund is well managed.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson read her report, as follows:

- IT should have worked through the technical issues that surfaced with the request to add Board and Commission members to the DarienCt.Gov. email system by the end of this week
- The Board of Finance did not act on our \$6,000 request for a traffic study relating to Elm Street near The Heights. I've spoken to the Chairman to reiterate that we believe this is an important promise to keep to the neighbors of The Heights. I will stay focused on this as the project comes to completion.
- BOS budget to the BOF on March 4th and the BOF Public Hearing on the budget is March 11. Mr. Tierney asked to clarify the time of the meetings, and it was noted as 7:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff stated that the budget process has been the focus of ongoing efforts of his staff. He stated that new and modified budget documents are in progress for the revised budget presentations to the Board of Finance on March 4 and RTM on March 11.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

NEW BUSINESS

Transfers:

Board of Education

Mr. Michael Lynch came forward and gave an overview on the transfer request and referred to the supporting documents provided. He explained the eligibility for state grant funding, bid as a public works project, and mandated prevailing wage rates increased the cost and scope of the job, and requested transfers will fund the additional expense and provide a contingency. There was discussion of the limits of grant application and reimbursement process.

Mr. Lynch explained there is now a second round of available security funding, and they will apply in the next cycle for reimbursement for locks and security upgrades. He explained that they will convert the high school from analog to digital then transition this system to other school buildings. He fielded questions on the policy for user access and plans for Police Department access. He reported that hardware is at the police station, and policies for access and storage capacity are in development. He added that the timeframe for completion is March-April, which is a few months behind the original plan.

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER:**

RESOLVED:

THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IS APPROVED FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE:

From:	To:		
Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account
913806-31302	Middlesex MS Roof	\$23,422.03	913807-31308
914907-31306	Royle Blacktop	25,000.00	
	TO: Security Upgrade		\$48,442.03
TOTAL	\$48,422.03		

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Nielsen asked for an update on the Mather Center.

APPOINTMENTS RE-APPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following appointments:

Robert John (RJ) Luth as Alternate to the Board of Assessment Appeals for an 18-month term beginning on March 1, 2014 and expiring on November 30, 2015.

- ** MR. TIERNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT JOHN LUTH AS ALTERNATE TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR AN 18-MONTH TERM BEGINNING ON BEGINNING ON MARCH 1, 2014 AND EXPIRING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2015.**
- ** MR. HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Approval of Minutes

Special Meeting -January 27, 2014

Page 2: Sentence 1: change not to now.

- ** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2014 AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTION NOTED.**
- ** MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Regular Meeting of February 3, 2014

Page 1: Paragraph 3, sentence 3, after renovations, add yet; change public housing issues to potential important upgrades.

Regular Meeting of February 3, 2014 --continued

Page 2, paragraph 3: change Ms. to Mr.; in last section, sentence 2: change Archer to Hecker.

Page 5: Sentence 2: Change Harroll to Harrel.

Under Public Comment, change DiMarco to DeMarco (3 times)

**** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBUARY 3, 2014 AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Special Meeting of February 10, 2014

**** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBUARY 10, 2014 AS SUBMITTED.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Special Meeting of February 12, 2014

**** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBUARY 12, 2014 AS SUBMITTED.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

February 25, 2014	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM
February 25, 2014	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM
March 4, 2014	Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM (Presentation of the Budget)
March 4, 2014	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM
March 10, 2014	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM
March 11, 2014	Board of Finance Budget Hearing at 7:30 PM

There was no other business.

Adjournment

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox, Telesco Secretarial Services