

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: 1st Selectman Jayme Stevenson; David Bayne;
David Campbell; John Lundeen; Gerald Nielsen

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

OTHER: Dr. Cara, EMS Review Committee;
Ron Hammer, Director Darien EMS Post 53;
Arthur Doelp, Eagle Scout

CALL TO ORDER

1st Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

REPORT FROM EMS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Dr. Jose Cara presented information on the report from the EMS Review Committee. Mr. Ron Hammer joined him, and some highlights of the presentation follow:

“The Committee’s original charge consists of the following:

- Review existing emergency medical service with the goal of improving the system, if necessary, to assure timely responses and effective treatment of citizens’ emergency medical needs.
- Review response times and call data to insure proper deployment and staffing
- Evaluate new technologies and best practices
- Benchmark Darien’s services compared to appropriate peers and the region
- Make recommendations, which includes cost estimates where applicable and funding options, to the Board of Selectmen concerning changes in procedures necessary to provide better services to Darien citizens
- Provide monthly written reports to the BOS updating the Board on its progress

Since its last report and based on the Committee’s recommendations, dispatch of emergency (911) services was transferred to C-MED, which now triages all calls and dispatches Post 53, with or without paramedic services, based on the information obtained from the caller and according to nation-wide emergency management protocols. Police dispatch no longer triages 911 calls but are notified by C-MED and they remain our “first responders” equipped with AEDs.

Data collected between 4/10/11 through 3/27/12, average Basic Life Support (BLS-Post 53) and Advanced Life Support (ALS – paramedic) response times continue to fall within acceptable criteria (BLS 6 to 8 minutes; ALS 8 to 12 minutes) and are below national averages. Data shown on a provided district map shows ALS response times were lower in Western districts and higher in Northeastern and Southeastern districts. The longest response times reported corresponded to District 8, with an average response time of 13.2 minutes. That district accounted for 8.1% of all emergency calls.

Scene-initiated calls for paramedic services represented approximately 22-25% of all paramedic calls. When requested from the scene, paramedic response times jumped from 9-10 minutes to 18-21 minutes. Scene-initiated calls can occur because of caller errors or changes in the medical condition of the patient.

Based on these data, the EMS Review Committee concludes the following:

- EMS services within Darien continue to meet the community's needs in a manner that's consistent with nationally-accepted standards.
- Given the current constraints of Norwalk EMS, the Committee does not consider that Norwalk EMS would provide an opportunity to reduce response times to Northeastern and Southeastern districts.
- Further, the Committee does not consider it feasible to hire a full-time paramedic to address the community's EMS needs; the low overall number of calls would jeopardize the provider's ability to maintain the skill required of a full-time paramedic.
- Finally, the Committee considers that scene-initiated calls should be explored to clarify their nature and identify further potential improvements to emergency services in Darien.

Based on these conclusions, the EMS Review Committee recommends the following:

- Explore details behind all scene-initiated calls incurred during the previous 6 months and report results and potential solutions to the BoS.
- Whereas the Committee has met it's original mandate, the Committee recommends that it be retained to provide ongoing oversight of Darien EMS, with periodic reviews to be carried out every 6 to 12 months.
- The Committee will communicate results of periodic reviews and recommendations to the BoS on an annual/bi-annual basis."

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

- Marc McEwan has opened a discussion with the Town of New Canaan on a Tiered Response to Sheltering that may allow for some inter-town cooperation.

- John Lundeen and Darren Oustafine toured Gorham's Pond and parts of the Goodwives River so that I could have a better understanding of some of the current conditions that exist and may help to inform future dredging projects.
- Board of Finance has approved and passed on to the RTM a \$120.2 million budget for FY 2013. This represents a proposed 3.93% mill rate increase. The Town side of the budget is proposed to increase by 3.8% and the BOE budget is proposed to increase by 4.8%. The RTM is schedule to discuss and vote on the budget on May 14th.
- Congratulations to Allen Delaney who was elected yesterday as the new Tenant Commissioner to the Darien Housing Authority. Thank you tot he League of Women Voters for organizing and executing the election.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff said he expects the budget from the printer this week. It is expected to go before the RTM on May 14. He distributed the homework assignment for the Board of Selectmen's goal setting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss and Take Action on Granting Approval for an Eagle Scout Project on Town Property

**** MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION TO ARTHUR DOELP FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO BE INSTALLED AT THE REAR ENTRANCE OF THE TOWN HALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED PROJECT DESCRIPTION.**

**** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b) Discuss and Take Action on Approval for 33rd Annual Darien Road Race on Sunday, September 16, 2012

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE DARIEN ROAD RACE TO HOLD THE 33RD ANNUAL DARIEN ROAD RACE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012 STARTING AT 1:00 P.M. FROM PEAR TREE POINT BEACH, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DARIEN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c) Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Submission of a Historic Records Preservation Grant to the State of Connecticut

- ** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION OF A HISTORIC RECORDS PRESERVATIONS GRANT TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.**

**WHEREAS, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT HAS ESTABLISHED A GRANT PROGRAM TO AID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT; AND
WHEREAS, THROUGH THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, THE TOWN OF DARIEN IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS GRANT PROGRAM; AND
WHEREAS, THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN INTENDS TO USE AWARDED GRANT DOLLARS TO SSUPPORT THE CONTINUED PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS BY MICROFILMING AND RE-BINDING NINE VOLUMES OF LAND RECORD INDEXES COVERING THE YEARS 1820 THROUGH 1930; AND
WHEREAS, THE TOWN CLERK HAS PREPARED AN APPLICATION THAT REQUESTS \$4,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND
WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WISHES TO SECURE SUCH GRANT FUNDING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY AUTHORIZE ADN DIRECT THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN AND FILE AN APPLICATION AND CONTRACT WITH THE STATE LIBRARY FOR AN HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT.**

- ** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

d) Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift to the Darien Police Department

- ** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT TO THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-33 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS EMPOWERED ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN TO ACCEPT GIFTS, PROVIDED GIFTS DO NOT HAVE A VALUE IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00);
AND
WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-33a OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF**

DARIEN, SAID GIFTS IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) MAY BE ACCEPTED WITH ACTION BY THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN; AND WHEREAS, THE RENOVATIONS OF THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT INCLUDE A SHOOTING RANGE FOR THE TRAINING OF OFFICERS; AND WHEREAS, TO PROVIDE FOR A TRAINING EXPERIENCE WHICH IS HIGH QUALITY AND REALISTIC, THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO INSTALL A MODERN TECHNOLOGY ASSISTED TRAINING SYSTEM; AND WHEREAS, THE DARIEN FOUNDATION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNITY HAS OFFERED TO COMMIT \$50,000 TOWARD THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THIS TRAINING SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WISHES TO HAVE THIS GIFT ACCEPTED TO SUPPORT THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS GIFT AND DIRECTS THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

e) Transfers

Registrar of Voters - Elections

RESOLVED:

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

From:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Contingency	\$21,380
	TOTAL	\$21,380

To:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10107661-81002	P/T Salary	\$ 3,200
10107661-81003	Seasonal/Temporary	\$ 6,000
10107661-82001	Travel	\$ 150
10107661-82007	Professional Service	\$ 3,300
10107661-82008	Printing	\$ 500
10107661-82026	Facility Rental	\$ 500
10107661-82033	Program Expenses	\$ 3,700
10107661-82050	Telecommunication	\$ 2,000

10107661-83008	Food	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$21,380

- ** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$21,380 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE P/T SALARY, SEASONAL/TEMPORARY, TRAVEL, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, PRINTING, FACILITY RENTAL, PROGRAM EXPENSES, TELECOMMUNICATION, AND FOOD ACCOUNTS.**
- ** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Registrar of Voters – Voter Registry

RESOLVED:

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

From:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Contingency	\$ 4,200
	TOTAL	\$ 4,200

To:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10107651-82016	Postage	\$ 2,500
10107651-82008	Printing	<u>\$ 1,700</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 4,200

- ** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$4,200 FROM THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE POSTAGE ACCOUNT AND PRINTING ACCOUNT.**
- ** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

1st Selectman Stevenson said the EMS Committee Charge will be on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of April 9, 2012

The changes to the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting are as follows:

On page 2, 4th bullet point, change “Darien News Review” to “Darien News”.

On page 2, under ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence, change "re-evaluation" to "reevaluation".

On page 2, under NEW BUSINESS, 2nd paragraph, 9th sentence, change "she is in approval of this" to "she approves of this".

On page 2, under NEW BUSINESS, 2nd paragraph, the 10th sentence and on should read: "Mr. Bayne suggested that in the future, the price differential between the bidder being stepped over and the accepted bidder be presented to the BOS when a decision like this is to be made. He also asked whether any inquiry was made to determine whether the past problems with the low bidder had been corrected. Mr. Kilduff responded that there was no evidence that the issues had been addressed, which is why this lower bidder is being "stepped over"."

On page 4, under APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS, CHANGE THE MOTION TO READ "*** MR. LUNDEEN APPROVED THE APPOINTMENTS....." TO "MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS....".

- ** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2012 REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED.**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Special Meeting of April 17, 2012

- ** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING.**
- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) VOTES IN FAVOR (CAMPBELL, LUNDEEN, NIELSEN, STEVENSON) AND ONE (1) VOTE ABSTAINED (BAYNE).**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

May 1, 2012	Planning & Zoning Commission Planning Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
May 7, 2012	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
May 14, 2012	RTM Meeting at 8:00 p.m. (Budget Meeting)

OTHER BUSINESS (Any items added to the agenda require a two-thirds vote.)

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services