

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: First Selectwoman Jayme Stevenson; David Campbell,
David Bayne, Gerald Nielsen, Jr., John Lundeen

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

REPORT FROM WEED BEACH BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ms. Debbie Parnon, the chairwoman of the Weed Beach Committee, came forward and gave the Board an update on the construction that is underway at Weed Beach. There have been some contract changes due to items such as ledge removal. Mr. Ryan confirmed that the project was on track and moving forward. There were several questions about the details of the project.

Discussion followed about the increase in use of the beach since the construction has begun.

**REPORT FROM DARIEN HOUSING AUTHORITY ON ALLEN O'NEILL
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Jan Raymond came forward to give the Board an update on the Allen O'Neill development. Mr. Arthur Anderson of JHM was present along with John and Todd McCluskey, whose firm is in partnership with JHM.

Mr. Anderson came forward and gave a run down on the number of apartments and buildings involved in the project, along with a brief overview of the location. The CHFA tax credit allocations have come through. These tax credits will be sold to raise equity. Originally the plan was to use CHFA for funding, but those funds are no longer available. A bond request has been placed on the agenda for the Bond Counsel. Discussion followed about the various aspect of the financing.

Mr. Anderson said that there was some soil that had to be removed due to contamination, which will have to be either removed or remediated. Mr. John McCluskey added that one part of the design was for LEEDS green technology to lower the heating costs for the units.

Construction drawings, financing arrangements and various other items are currently underway. The capital is available right now but sustainability is critical for success.

Mr. Anderson narrated a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the key factors of the project. A time line, several site plans and a chart showing the partnerships were included in the display.

First Selectwoman Stevenson asked for a hard copy of the PowerPoint slides for the Board Members. Mr. Anderson said that these would be provided. There will also be regular update meetings with the Housing Authority. The residents will be able to contact Mr. Anderson also. Signed contracts will be provided following the bid process.

Ms. Raymond thanked everyone for their hard work on this project.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectwoman Stevenson said that CL&P has assigned an extra tree crew to Darien to resolve a variety of tree issues for one week.

Mr. Cameron has requested the public take the Channel 79 survey on line.

Social Services is in need of items for their Giving Tree, located in the foyer of Town Hall.

First Selectwoman Stevenson said that there was a full and spirited debate over the recent referendum. The building committee will be providing regular updates.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff announced that the internal budget creating has begun. Mr. Kilduff said that he is working on identifying a vendor who can provide the parking system for the railroad parking lots. He reviewed the possible options.

There was a recent Peer to Peer Rail Management Meeting hosted by SWRPA in Westport on rail parking. Mr. Kilduff gave a brief run down about the various rates in neighboring towns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no member of the public present.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Take Action on FY 2012-13 Budget Review Schedule.

The Board reviewed the Budget Review Schedule in the information packet.

Discuss and Take Action on Approval of Bench Seating and Planting in the Public Right-of-Way on Brook Street abutting 1033 Post Road.

The site is where the Sugar Bowl is located and the planter and other items have been in place for a number of years. These plans have not been presented to the Planning and Zoning at this time. Discussion followed.

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE.**

Following a discussion, it was decided to wait until the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**** MR. NIELSEN WITHDREW HIS MOTION.**

TRANSFERS

MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS

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

That the sum of \$129,382 be transferred from Contingency to Various Salary Accounts be approved for referral to the Board of Finance.

**** MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

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

THAT THE SUM OF \$129,382 BE TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY TO VARIOUS SALARY ACCOUNTS BE APPROVED FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE

**** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

The Board reviewed the upcoming agenda.

APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following re-appointments:

Suzanne Schutte to the Beautification Commission for a 3 year term beginning on December 1, 2011 and expiring on November 30, 2014

Pam Elliot to the Beautification Commission for 3 year term beginning on December 1, 2011 and expiring on November 30, 2014

Cindy Ryan to the Beautification Commission for 3 year term beginning on December 1, 2011 and expiring on November 30, 2014

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION:**

SUZANNE SCHUTTE TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR A 3 YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 1, 2011 AND EXPIRING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014

PAM ELLIOT TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR 3 YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 1, 2011 AND EXPIRING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014

CINDY RYAN TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR 3 YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 1, 2011 AND EXPIRING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2014

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

Annual Reappointment of Advisory Commissions:

**Advisory Board of Health
Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters
EMS Advisory Committee**

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REAPPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING ADVISORY COMMISSIONS:**

**ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL WATERS
EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**** MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**

There was a brief discussion about quarterly reports and the renewal process for the various Advisory Commissions.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of November 28, 2011

The following corrections were noted:

Page 1, following **ATTENDANCE**: Please add the following: **ABSENT**: David Bayne

Page 1, under **First Selectman's Report**, paragraph 1, please replace the following sentence:

“She said this new law dictates how the Housing Authority will elect their members.”

WITH:

“She said this new law directes how the Housing Authority will elect their tenant members.”

**** MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2011 MEETING AS CORRECTED.**

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (CAMPBELL, NIELSEN, AND LUNDEEN) AND ONE ABSTENTION (BAYNE).**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

December 13, 2011 Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

December 13, 2011 Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

December 14, 2011 Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m

December 19, 2011 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business to conduct at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services