

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: David M. Campbell, First Selectman; David F. Bayne
Gerald Nielsen, Jayme J. Stevenson

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Campbell stated that he has had correspondence with DECD relative to the moratorium for application about administering the reconstruction program, and it is with the legal department for response due November 15; and he will have it to present at the next BOS meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff presented his report and stated that following items have been proceeding as authorized:

- Parking permits are in progress with a delay in the application renewal process, in view of the new requirement of providing registrations to verify the license plate numbers, as some are not reading the instructions.

Mr. Bayne stated that it is burdensome to copy the registration, and Mr. Kilduff responded that it was part of the BOS request to use the License Plate Reader in cross referencing train permits with license plates so crack down on misuse of permits

- Police Department: Contractor documents are still in progress having been forwarded for legal approval. Relative to the Construction Contract, there is a new agreement with Turner and the architect.
- Tree Commission – Report will be issued at the next meeting.
- Probate Court Consolidation - There has been an additional cost and they are working on providing the documentation for authorizing the expenditures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Julie Kahn, stated that she was the wife of David Kahn, who has been active in participating in the public comments portion of meetings regarding the Hoyt Street situation, and she is happy to see it on the agenda. She added that they encourage the Board to put safety first and to keep the ball rolling for the residents in this area.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss Hoyt Street Sidewalk Installation

First Selectman Campbell stated that the meeting has been confirmed for November 17 at 10am at the Hoyt Street & Tallmadge Hill station with Terry Wood, Bob Duff and New Canaan representatives. He provided a copy of a letter from the State DOT regarding an investigation by the Division of Traffic Engineering, along with copies of e-mails on the proposed survey and design cost. He stated that the price is \$111,000, and Mr. Bayne responded that it sounds high. First Selectman Campbell stated that it will go out to bid and hopefully will come down to \$90,000 with \$350,000 for construction, and will be part of the annual budget not the capital budget.

Ms. Stevenson stated that she would like to see evidence of New Canaan's support, along with a discussion of the on-going maintenance. Mr. Bayne said he disagreed that it is important for Darien to do their portion, not necessarily with the New Canaan portion as a part, and that the homeowners are responsible for the sidewalk maintenance. First Selectman Campbell stated that lots of credit goes to Terry Wood for her involvement with the project, and Mr. Bayne stated that he felt the credit should go to the residents such as Mr. Kahn and Holly Schulz for their continual involvement at meetings and for taking a leadership role on behalf of the residents in making this change happen.

- b) Discuss Receipt of Mandatory Referral Reports from Planning & Zoning Commission

First Selectman Campbell stated that the referral reports are provided for public information and knowledge and that no action is required.

- c) Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution to Increase the Bond and Note Authorization for the Weed Beach Project from \$2,000,000 to \$3,300,000

Mr. Bayne stated that in line with prior presentations and supporting documents, he is happy to move the item to move this project along to completion.

**** MR. BAYNE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE BOND AND NOTE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE WEED BEACH PROJECT FROM \$2,000,000 TO \$3,300,000.**

**** MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

d) Transfers

Darien Fire Department

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
30333414-909020	FD Small Capital	\$15,000	TBD	NG Boiler Install	\$15,000
TOTAL		\$15,000	TOTAL		\$15,000

First Selectman Campbell asked Dan Anderson of the Darien Fire Department to come forward to present the item and address any questions. Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the supporting documents and reported that the boiler situation has been one of continual breakdown and has been pieced together until now it has to be replaced. He added that the boiler was donated at a value of \$25,000 with installation costs of \$25,000 of which \$10,000 has been designated to come from putting off the purchase of pagers and radios. Mr. Bayne asked if this means that they will face an increase in next year's Small Capital Budget, and Mr. Anderson replied that he does not think so. He added that it should be a joint effort between the Fire Department and Town to fund this item.

- ** **MR. NIELSEN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE OF \$15,000 FROM FD SMALL CAPITAL TO NG BOILER INSTALL.**
- ** **MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Registrar of Voters

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
Contingency	\$2,900		10107661-82050	Communications	\$1,000
10107661-82026		Facilities Rental		800	
10107661-82033		Program Expenses		1,100	
TOTAL	\$2,900		TOTAL		\$2,900

- ** **MS. STEVENSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE OF \$2,000 FROM CONTINGENCY TO COMMUNICATIONS, FACILITIES RENTAL AND PROGRAM EXPENSES FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,900.**
- ** **MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Public Works Department 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
30442144-	Heights Rd	\$4,673.65	30444144-	Town wide	\$4,673.65
907903	Drainage		909904	drainage	
TOTAL		\$4,673.65	TOTAL		\$4,673.65

**** MR. BAYNE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE FROM HEIGHTS ROAD DRAINAGE TO TOWNWIDE DRAINAGE OF \$4,673.65.**

**** MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Post 53 – Operating 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
Contingency	\$16,156	10305010-	Professional	\$16,156	
		82007	Svcs		
TOTAL	\$16,156		TOTAL	\$16,156	

First Selectman Campbell asked Mr. Ron Hammer, EMS with Post 53 to come forward to present the item and address any questions. Mr. Hammer provided an overview of the background and supporting documentation and explained that the new dispatch would provide faster response times for paramedic services and tiered response to avoid full sirens when routine response was ordered.

**** MR. BAYNE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE FROM CONTINGENCY TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OF \$16,156.**

**** MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Post 53 – Capital 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
BOF	\$18,561	TBD		Post 53	\$18,561
Contingency				Dispatch	
TOTAL	\$18,561		TOTAL	\$18,561	

- ** MR. BAYNE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE FROM CONTINGENCY TO POST 53 DISPATCH OF \$18,561.**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. AGENDA REVIEW

Mr. Bayne stated that the only item he recommends would be the need for the report that is due by November 15 of the DPW response to the Hoyt Street issue.

7. APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following **appointments**:

First Selectman Campbell requested item e) to be moved as first on the list and referred to the letter or recommendation and resume as provided in the packet.

e) Chris Coleman to the Southwest Regional Communications Center Board of Directors

- ** MS. STEVENSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS COLEMAN TO THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

First Selectman Campbell suggested the following appointments be grouped and considered as one item.

- a) Louis Gesualdi to the Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee
- b) Norman Guimond to the Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee
- c) John Hertz to the Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee
- d) Robin Brown Woods to the Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee

Mr. Bayne stated that although he would recommend the above appointments, he is abstaining from the item as he does not support the project in general. He added that he is grateful to the people and their service to the Town, but he is abstaining from the vote.

Ms. Stevenson stated that the appointments represent extremely qualified, non-partisan members eager to participate on the Building Committee, and Mr. Nielsen stated that he is in full agreement.

- ** MS. STEVENSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF LOUIS GESUALDI, NORMAN GUIMOND, JOHN HERTZ, AND ROBIN BROWN WOODS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE.**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE VOTES IN FAVOR NONE OPPOSED AND ONE ABSTENTION (BAYNE).**

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting: October 18, 2010

Mr. Bayne requested the following changes:

Page 1, the last sentence change Commission to Director and Building Committee Chair.

Page 2, last paragraph, sentence 2, after benefits, add "that they receive at their door."

In the last sentence add, "In 2007, as Chairman of the RTM Public Safety Committee,

- ** MR. BAYNE MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2010 MEETING AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED ABOVE.**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

November 9, 2010 Planning & Zoning Commission Planning Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

November 9, 2010 Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

November 10, 2010 Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

November 15, 2010 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

November 16, 2010 Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

There was no Other Business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. BAYNE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox;
Telesco Secretarial Services