

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Evonne Klein, First Selectwoman; David Bayne, Linda Santarella

ABSENT: Seth Morton, Callie Sullivan

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Klein called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Holly Schulz came forward and distributed copy of a letter to the Board. She said that she would like to have a sidewalk and/or bike lane along Hoyt Street for the commuters from the train station. She said that she used to walk to the Talmadge Hill Station, but now drives the short two block distance because it is too dangerous. She said that she had almost been hit while walking there at least twice.

First Selectwoman Klein said that she had met with the DOT each year she has been in office, and she recently brought it up with the new Commissioner this past spring. She said that she had asked for a transportation policy and asked for funding to build the sidewalk. The State said it would not provide the funds, but informed the Town that the Town could build the sidewalk to the State's specification once the proper permits were approved. First Selectwoman Klein said that she said that appreciated Ms. Schultz's letter stated that she was aware that the Town budget was completed for this year and was requesting the project for next year.

Mr. Jim Cameron of 55 DuBois Street, came forward and said that the first meeting of the ConnDOT Rail Station Parking was meeting on July 7, 2009 in New Haven. He then said that SWRPA had completed a study on rail station parking. He then distributed a copy of the report to the Board and reviewed the various numbers. He pointed out that the Town oversells their parking permits by a factor of 2:1. At Noroton Heights, it is 1.9%.

Mr. Cameron then displayed his parking pass, and said that there had been a number commuters who had lost their jobs in New York and had paid the full year in advance. These people don't want to turn these permits in because they will go back to the bottom of the list, which has a five year waiting period. He said that after reading the agreement, there is nothing to stop an out of work commuter from loaning or leasing their space to

someone else. He said that the contract does allow for up to four vehicles to be included on the permit. Mr. Cameron said that this would be an issue he would be bringing up at the meeting tomorrow.

First Selectwoman Klein said that when the annual spots are compared to the voucher spots, the vouchers seem to outweigh the annual spots.

Mr. Cameron said that ConnDOT Rail has not been keeping up with the demand, but that there were creative solutions, such as letting the commuters who have the parking passes but don't use them five days a week use the Post 53 parking area, or allowing those who are currently out of work to sublease their spots to those on the waiting list.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Take Action on Approval for Darien Road Race

.First Selectwoman Klein said that Ms. Green was present and that there had been meetings with Chief Lovello and others about changing the route because the neighbors had complained about their roads being closed for the race. First Selectwoman Klein said that she had heard back from the neighbors who were pleased. Ms. Green said that the Road Race committee was very excited about the reversal of the route and looking forward to a wonderful race.

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ROUTE FOR THE 30TH ANNUAL DARIEN ROAD RACE ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2009.**

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss and Take Action on Approval for Breaking the Cycle Race

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION FOR BRAKING THE CYCLE BICYCLE RIDE/FUND RAISER TO TRAVEL THROUGH DARIEN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009 SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**

First Selectwoman Klein gave a brief overview of the event, which raises funds to provide HIV/AIDS services.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss and Take Action on Resolution Authorizing and Directing the First Selectwoman to Execute A Memorandum of Understanding with the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security regarding the Placement, Use and Maintenance of Regional Equipment in Darien.

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FIRST
SELECTWOMAN TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND
SECURITY REGARDING THE PLACEMENT, USE AND
MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL EQUIPMENT IN DARIEN**

WHEREAS, UNDER THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2007 REGIONAL COLLABORATION GRANT PROCESS, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY WAS ABLE TO PURCHASE AND ALLOCATE EQUIPMENT TO REGION 1 COMMUNITIES FOR THEIR OWN USE AND FOR SHARED USE WITHIN THE REGION, AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF DARIEN IS PART OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY'S REGION 1; AND

WHEREAS, THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES WERE APPROVED BY THE LOCAL MPO AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE REGION 1 EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF DARIEN HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A MASS CARE TRAILER WITH SHELTER EQUIPMENT AND A PORTABLE SATELLITE RADIO AND TELEPHONE FOR THE DARIEN HEALTH DEPARTMENT; AND

WHEREAS, TO RECEIVE THE EQUIPMENT, THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REQUIRES THE EXECUTION OF A CUSTODY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH OUTLINES HOW THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED AND MAINTAINED; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF DARIEN WISHES TO TAKE RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED EQUIPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN WHICH TO HAVE A CUSTODY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING EXECUTED TO OUTLINE HOW THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED AND MAINTAINED.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN MAY ENTER INTO WITH AND DELIVER TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH IT DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT EVONNE M. KLEIN, AS FIRST SELECTWOMAN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN.

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**

Mr. Bayne asked where the equipment would be stored. First Selectwoman Klein said that Public Works would have it stored in their area.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss Goodwives Sewer Extension Project.

First Selectwoman Klein said that the Board had been requested by the Board of Finance to review the project because it is a capital project. Mr. Bayne asked what the neighbors who would be paying for this think. First Selectwoman Klein said that there is a health and safety issue because Pear Tree Point was closed a number of times last year. Mr. Kilduff said that the Bond Resolution, which would go before the RTM, would be the final stamp. Mr. Bayne and Ms. Santarella said that they both believed the project should move forward.

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$2,700,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF DARIEN AND THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,700,000 BONDS, NOTES, OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss Town Facility Naming Policy.

First Selectwoman Klein said that Mr. Kilduff had done some research and prepared a draft for the Board to consider. He said that the policies are laid out in an “And/Or” format, so that the Board could chose what they wanted. Mr. Kilduff then reviewed the various options in terms of items, such as a memorial garden, a tree or a room in a building. The discussion then moved to the naming of McGuane Park. Mr. Kilduff pointed out that the Park and Recreation does not have a policy regarding the naming of fields, either. He added that the Board of Selectmen do not have jurisdiction over the Board of Education property or Park and Recreation property.

Ms. Santarella asked about the naming of a facility after an individual for a minimum of ten years. Mr. Kilduff said that there were concerns about something being renamed too frequently.

Mr. Bayne said that he was not sure that it would be good to allow the Town to name the something after a Medal of Honor winner or possible future President who was from Darien.

The discussion then moved to the inclusion of living persons. Mr. Bayne said that he would lean towards posthumous naming. First Selectwoman Klein said that this was a good first conversation and that the Board would be looking to hear from the two members of the Board who were not present.

Discuss and Take Action on Approval of Changes to the Bylaws of the Darien Boat Club in Accordance with the Lease Agreement.

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVE THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE LEASE BETWEEN
THE DARIEN BOAT CLUB, THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
HEREBY APPROVE OF THE NEW AND UPDATED BY-LAWS AND
THE HOUSE AND GROUND RULES FOR THE DARIEN BOAT CLUB.**

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

Mr. Bayne said that he was disappointed that the Board did not get a red line copy of the changes. Mr. Kilduff said that these changes would be voted on by the membership.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss and Take Action on Revised Charge for EMS Review Committee.

First Selectwoman Klein explained that the proposal was for a change in EMS Review Charge from 5 members to 7 members and listed the following members: Dr. Jose Cara, Jennifer Geddes, Robert Gurliacci, Sue Maguire, Dr. Kevin Miller, Dr. Dorothy Turnbull and Dr. Robert George.

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE EMS REVIEW COMMITTEE CHARGE STATEMENT FROM:**

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE COMPRISED OF 5 MEMBERS WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD AND/OR EMERGENCY HEALTH.

TO:

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE COMPRISED OF 7 MEMBERS WITH EXPERIENCE IN THE MEDICAL FIELD AND/OR EMERGENCY HEALTH.

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

TRANSFERS

Disaster Preparation

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

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**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Police Department

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER:**

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Fire Commission

**** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TRANSFER:**

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1ST SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT

First Selectwoman Klein announced that the Hollow Tree Bridge would have one lane in each direction open in August.

First Selectwoman Klein then reminded everyone about the Rt. 1 corridor study, where the Town was awarded over \$200,000 to conduct a study in 2005. The Town received approval in 2006 and then asked that SWRPA handle the project because the Town didn't have the staff to handle it. The scope has been designed and now the Town is in the middle of negotiations for the project. The scope has been expanded, and more money has been received for the project. The DRI resource team also has now completed their work and this will help with the project.

First Selectwoman Klein said that the 4th of July parade was great and thanked all those who worked so hard.

First Selectwoman Klein said Playground By The Sound had their grand opening last week.

The Darien Days Carnival will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at Hindley School. There will be a \$20.00 ride bracelet. First Selectwoman Klein listed many of the attractions that will be available.

Regarding the Baker Field Flood project, First Selectwoman Klein said the Town was interviewing attorneys and Mr. Steeger provided the requested information.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff said that there was a good, healthy discussion about 35 Leroy at a recent meeting, but no final decision. There will be another meeting on the 27th regarding increasing the density for the project.

An offer of employment as the Senior Center Director has been made to Elizabeth Paris from Stratford and accepted. Mr. Kilduff then said that Ms. Paris would start in late August.

AGENDA REVIEW

First Selectwoman Klein said the Board would need to schedule executive sessions for interviews and pay increases.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of June 15, 2009
Regular Meeting of June 22, 2009
Emergency Meeting of June 26, 2009

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF:**
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2009
REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2009
EMERGENCY MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2009

**** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

First Selectwoman Klein said that it has previously been suggested that the meeting be located elsewhere. Mr. Bayne said that it would be a nice change of pace. It was noted that TV 79 would not be able to broadcast from another location, therefore the meetings will continue to be at Town Hall.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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OTHER BUSINESS

- ** MS. SANTARELLA MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**
- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

First Selectwoman Klein said that she had emailed a copy of accessory apartment regulations to the Board members. Ultimately it will be up to P&Z to decide the final wording. First Selectwoman Klein asked if the Board wanted to review the regulations or to go to DAHAC and then directly to P&Z, or to come back to the Board. Ms. Santarella said that she felt that they should come back to the Board. Mr. Bayne agreed.

Mr. Bayne said that regarding the reallocation of voucher parking, he would like to consider using the Post 53 parking area for those who are not daily commuters.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MS. SANTARELLA SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services