

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 17, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; Robert Richards, Susan Marks, Marc Thorne, Charles Koons

STAFF: Kate Clarke Buch, Town Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson call the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m., and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public came forward.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman's Report
October 17, 2016

Fathers Forum - on Saturday October 8th, Greg Bauer and Dr. Tim Kenefick, in collaboration with the Town of Darien, the Depot, Darien YMCA, and the Community Fund held the first meeting of the newly revived Fathers Forum. The Father's Forum mission is to bring fathers together in fellowship and community to explore how dads can be better at parenting and to understand the importance of a father's role in raising children of all ages. I want to thank Greg and Tim for their tireless effort and encourage all Darien Dads to join the Father's Forum. You can find more information about upcoming meetings at FathersForumDarien.org.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Buch stated that the Darien Police Department is offering up its parking lot as a safe place to exchange goods bought and sold on Craigslist, Facebook, eBay and other online sites. Citizens who are purchasing or selling something to a stranger online can meet up in the parking lot to conduct their business.

Ms. Buch stated that as we get closer to the budget process, she would like to ask the members of the Board of Selectmen for suggestions on the process or on the document and suggest changes that you would like to see.

- ** MR. THORNE MOVE TO SUSPEND BOARD OF SELECTMEN RULES AND MOVE THE DISCUSSION OF SENIOR CENTER FEES AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON 2017 MEETING CALENDAR TO THE END OF THE AGENDA.**
- ** MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer - Sewer Capital Fund - Expansion Design Settlers Trail and Clock's Lane \$60,000

Mr. Gentile stated that this proposed sanitary sewer extension, will serve 11 homes with the possibility of two future sewer extensions. The project will include approximately 1,000 linear feet of new low pressure PVC sewer main. The estimated cost of this project includes: full-time inspection services; complete roadway restoration; traffic control; engineering; surveying; connection fee to previous project; bond and interest cost; construction and testing; and approval from various land use boards. He stated that due to time constraints, he is requesting a transfer of \$60,000 now which will allow us to proceed with the Clock's Lane, Settlers Trail Sanitary Sewer Extension design while the bond resolution process is ongoing. This request was previously approved by the Darien Sewer Commission on October 4th 2016.

- ** MR. RICHARDS MOVE TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER of \$60,000 FROM THE COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB ACCOUNT TO THE EXPANSION/DESIGN SETTLERS TRAIL AND CLOCK'S LANE ACCOUNT.**
- ** MR. KOONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss and take action on a resolution appropriating \$470,000 for the design and construction of sewer extension project in the Town of Darien and authorizing the issue a \$470,000 bond notes or other obligations of the town to meet said appropriation.

First Selectman Stevenson stated that she would like "First Selectwoman" throughout the body of the resolution to be changed to "First Selectman."

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$470,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF DARIEN AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE A \$470,000 BOND NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION.

- ** MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROPRIATE \$470,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF DARIEN AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE A \$470,000 BOND NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AS AMENDED.**
- ** MR. THORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Update from Director of Public Works on Upper Gorham's Pond Project

Mr. Gentile provided a photograph of the dam that was built at Upper Gorham's Pond and stated that is 4 to 5 feet deep on the backside and 5 to 6 feet wide. He stated that a bid request was put out in September of last year and there was one bidder on the project. He said we worked as a team to get the price down to where we could afford it. We worked on the project over the winter time and took a break from April to July. The project was finished in the first week of October, and we will be doing some cleaning this week. He stated that we are holding a retainer of about \$25,000 on the project.

Discuss Senior Center Fees

In a memo to the board, Ms. Buch stated that as of October 7th 2016, we have 1,414 members. That is made up of 925 residents and 489 non-residents. We currently do not have a membership fee and we do not distinguish between resident and non-resident. There is no prohibition against it. Senior Center staff have done some research on the issue earlier in 2016 to see what neighboring communities do in terms of fees. She stated that in discussing this with the Senior Center Director, a primary concern would be how to enforce the membership fee. This would almost certainly require an investment in a computerized check-in system. We would need to consider how to allow people to register and pay. She stated that an important part of this discussion should be what we hope to achieve by instituting a membership fee. We also need to consider what, if any, negative impacts there may be as a result instituting a membership fee. A membership fee should be part of a broader discussion of Senior Center fees in general.

Ms. Marks stated that she is not looking to discourage non-residents from using the center, but needs to consider the Darien taxpayers. Mr. Richards asked about the possibility of fingerprint recognition as a way to identify members. Ms. Buch stated that it may be offensive to some members, and it is sometimes hard to properly read the fingerprints. Ms. Buch stated that there are many lifelong residents who have moved to neighboring towns but still use the Senior Center. Ms. Stevenson stated that we should look into a membership management system. Mr. Koons suggested that the Senior Center look at program fees and what percentage of the revenue that they're generating, and consider changes there before a membership fee.

Discuss and Take Action on 2017 Meeting Calendar

Ms. Buch presented a second draft of the 2017 meeting schedule. Discussion followed on meeting dates in August. All present decided to change the August meeting dates to the 14th and 28th. Discussion followed on the department heads meeting scheduled for January. It was decided to hold it on the morning of January 17th. The Board of Selectmen Budget Presentation meeting will be on the evening of January 24th at 7 p.m.

- ** MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR AS AMENDED.**
- ** MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

No items were brought forward.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

Discuss and take action on the reappointment of Tom Joyce to the Police Commission for a three year term from July 1st 2016 to June 30th 2019

- ** MR. KOONS MOVE TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TOM JOYCE TO THE POLICE COMMISSION FOR A THREE YEAR TERM FROM JULY 1, 2016 TO JUNE 30, 2019.**
- ** MR. THORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Regular Meeting of October 4, 2016

Correct the run-on sentence in the Town Administrator's Report.

Correct "gas tank it" to gas tank is."

- ** MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2016 AS AMENDED.**
- ** MR. THORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

October 18, 2016	Board of Education 7:30 p. m.
October 25, 2016	Board of Finance 7:30 p. m.
October 24, 2016	RTM 8:00 p. m.
November 7, 2016	Board of Selectman 7:00 p. m.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. RICHARDS MOVE TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MR. THORNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNSNIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p. m.

RECALL OF MEETING BACK INTO ORDER

Ms. Stevenson called the meeting back in to order at 8:56 p. m.

Discuss and Take Action on Recommending Transfer of Property to RTM

Ms. Stevenson read the resolution of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Darien approving the transfer of the town's interest in Hazel Street as follows:

Whereas the Town has been contacted by Eversource Energy Services Company indicating a plan to replace a failing gas main on Hazel Street located within the Town of Darien, State of Connecticut;

Whereas, the Eversource Energy Services Company has further indicated a desire to feed gas to abutting properties on Hazel Street; and

Whereas, Eversource Energy Services Company has indicated it has received conflicting opinions as to the ownership of said street; and

Whereas, the Town of Darien has neither accepted said Road nor maintained it; and

Whereas, Eversource Energy Services Company has indicated it needs an easement over said road for the work to be done;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen recommend that the Representative Town Meeting authorize the First Selectman to execute an easement to allow Eversource Energy Services Company to enter the property to make certain repairs and improvements.

- ** **MR. RICHARDS MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THE TOWN'S INTEREST IN HAZEL STREET AS AMENDED.**
- ** **MR. KOONS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** **MS. MARKS MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** **MR. RICHARDS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services