

MINUTES  
OPERATIONS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
February 27, 2014

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. in Room 206 of Town Hall.

Present were First Selectman, Jayme Stevenson; Board of Education Chairperson, Betsy Hagerty-Ross; Planning & Zoning Chairman, Susan Cameron; and Town Administrator, Karl Kilduff.

**RTM Moderator**

C-PACE (clean energy program), an easement on Hoyt Court and the Andrews Drive settlement were approved by the RTM at the meeting held on February 24, 2014. A presentation was made by officers of Post 53, which was well received by RTM members.

Mrs. Seelye stated the RTM may not have any action items on the agenda for its March meeting. Mrs. Stevenson suggested that the RTM still meet to hear presentations from Town groups and added that she would like to arrange a presentation, after the budget season, to provide members of the RTM with information about Regionalism and COGs.

Finally, The Town Plan of Development & Conservation is under review. It will need to be revised and then adopted by the RTM in 2016.

**Planning and Zoning**

The Planning & Zoning Commission has approved a one year moratorium on marijuana dispensaries in Darien. The Commission will consider turf fields at the high school after the EPC has vetted the project and a “use of fields” study has been received.

The Patriot Bank is moving into the Darien Golf location. In relationship to downtown businesses there was some dialogue on parking. Lastly, Mrs. Cameron is following the plans of the Housing Authority to redevelop the senior housing on Post Road, Old Town Homes.

**Board of Education**

The Board of Education recently received the findings from arbitration with the schools’ Administrators. Mrs. Hagerty-Ross felt the results were favorable for the district and the town. Focus groups for a new superintendent have provided valuable information that will be used as the Board moves forward with its search. John Verre, Ombudsman for Special Education, has been working closely with parents, teachers and a data management company to methodically address the issues in the special education department and create an appropriate action plan.

The heating in the central offices seems to be working. Mike Lynch, the Facilities Director, will create a list of some other items at 35 Leroy Ave. in need of repair.

**First Selectman**

Mrs. Stevenson will present her Board's budget to the Board of Finance on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Education will also present its budget to the Board of Finance that evening.

The closing for the property 4 Short Lane will be tomorrow, February 28, 2014. Construction on the Mather Community Center continues. It's expected to open this spring, possibly in April.

Mrs. Seelye asked Mr. Kilduff about whether or not the RTM needed to meet to ratify certain BOE contracts. He explained that the agreements involving pensions, which are an ordinance, should go to the RTM for approval.

Mrs. Hagerty-Ross moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Cameron and approved by all. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 206.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda O'Leary  
Recording Secretary