

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2013

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; Selectman Dennis Tracey; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito; Residents.

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. Copies are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance-

Town of Weston Budget Database.- Sharon Shattuck- Sharon Shattuck said that the current budget program is failing and needs to be rewritten. Both she and Rick Darling looked at Munis, but it does not have the requirements we need for our budget pages. Ms. Shattuck would like to hire Susan Rubin to develop a new database in Microsoft Access. Susan will also provide training for the employees that use the program. Sharon said that we will not lose any data and everything would be transferred over.

Mr. Tracey move to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$4,995 for the Town of Weston Budget Database. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Decision regarding approval of an agreement between The Town of Weston and Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. for investment account services and on-line cd services, and also to approve Pershing, LLC as an authorized custodian of Town funds.- Rick Darling- Rick Darling said at a recent meeting with the Board of Finance, they looked at some of the Special Revenue Funds which have declined in yield recently. He has been approached by different CD investment firms and Board of Finance looked at those and felt that Multi-Bank Securities was a firm that they should look into for CD programs. The focus would be on smaller special revenue funds to pick up some yield. Rick said we are not locking ourselves into doing anything. It is just another tool to look at some alternatives to investing some of our other funds.

Mr. Muller moved to authorize the Town of Weston to enter into an agreement with Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. and authorize the First Selectman and Treasurer to execute an agreement and related documents for investment account services and online CD services and he also move that the Board of Selectmen approve Pershing, LLC as an authorized custodian of the Town Funds. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge- Diana McCarthy-Bercury. Diana said that the Clean Energy Communities program is something that the Town of Weston has participated in for a while now. In 2012 they merged their Energy Efficiency and the Clean Energy Communities program into one holistic approach at clean energy communities. The Town can still promote renewable energy programs that are in the State and collect renewable energy rewards but in

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addition, now you can earn points and rewards towards your participation in any energy efficiency fund programs.

They look at all the projects that we have completed in the past going back to January 1, 2010 and they have awarded points. For every 100 points that the Town of Weston earns in energy saving programs you get a \$5,000 grant which you can use toward any energy savings project or program in Town. The Town currently has 116 points so we have already earned our first "Bright Idea" grant. You can earn up to two "Bright Idea" grants per fiscal year going out to 2018. They encourage the Town to lead by example so going out to 2018 they have asked that the Towns that join the program make a commitment to making an energy reduction throughout all of the municipal buildings 20% by 2018.

Mr. Tracey moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to sign a Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Update regarding Old Mill Road- John Troxell- Chief Troxell apologized to Mr. Lametta orally and in writing for stating that work on Old Mill Rd. was discussed, and that DPW did not follow through. Since then Chief Troxell, Mr. Lametta and John Conte have gone out to Old Mill Road to look at what needs to be done.

Chief Troxell went through some pictures with signs and cross walks with the Selectmen. Ms. Weinstein said that they met with John Conte, Town Engineer and Joe Lametta will repaint all of the crosswalks which is scheduled for after May 31st. John Conte found out that there was some work that the owner of Cobbs Mill was supposed to do that had not been done so Ms. Weinstein will meet with Tracey Kulikowski on Monday and find out what needs to be done.

Chief Troxell said that he got a copy of Wilton's speed hump policy and the Police Commission and John Conte are currently reviewing that policy. Town Attorney will also have to review the policy.

Mr. Pokorny said that the improvements have kept the cars apart but with the traffic it is still hard to get out of your driveway because of the sight lines. He asked that they not forget about the rest of the road. Ms. Weinstein said that she knew the focus has been at the north end Old Mill Road, but they realize that we have to be concerned for the whole road.

Discussion/decision regarding a supplemental appropriation request for the purpose of repair and renovation of the tennis courts- Board of Education. Ms. Weinstein said that she walked the tennis courts with Dan Clarke and the conditions are deplorable. We have six courts. Two have minor cracks that can be sealed, two have significant damage and two have to have the whole surfaced repaired. Board of Finance approved it at their last meeting. Ms. Weinstein said that they have gotten a five year warranty on all six courts.

Mr. Muller moved to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$59,527 for the purpose of repair and renovation of the tennis courts at the Weston High School. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the Lachat Property Master Plan- Ellen McCormick- Ellen said they will be talking mostly about Phase 1 because the others will build on its foundation. It will be the phase that will be involved in the start of fund raising, improving buildings, gathering volunteers, setting up educational programs for the community, hiring the educators/farmer, building community gardens and planning the production garden.

They will be setting up two public hearings. A copy of the power point presentation that was presented at the meeting is attached to the minutes. The Selectmen were very excited about all that the committee had done. Ellen said that they still have to approve the landscape architect.

Mr. Muller said he would like to see them getting opinion from people before the public hearing so they could filter all the suggestion together. If they wait until the public hearing as a forum, they are going to lose the momentum that they need.

Discussion/decision regarding formulating the Charter Revision Commission to amend the Charter. Ms. Weinstein said that one of the questions that they had at the last meeting was the number of elected officials that can serve on the commission. We can only have two and currently we have four. Dennis Tracey said he felt it was a conflict of interest because he is on the Board of Selectmen. Everyone else from the previous Commission wants to serve again. We are advertising in the paper for the positions so we will wait and interview potential applicants.

Mr. Tracey moved that the Board of Selectmen form a Charter Revision Commission consisting of seven members. Mr. Muller seconded. Mr. Muller moved to amend the motion and add that the Commission's work should be completed in time to have the new Charter on the ballot in the November 2013 election. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding supporting the It Can Wait, no-texting-while-driving movement. Ms. Weinstein said AT&T has been the sponsor of the It Can Wait, no-texting-while-driving movement and she feels very strongly about it. She has signed it and she is asking the Selectmen to sign it because as community leaders, we should set an example for what the Town does. Mr. Muller said he would like the pledge to be available to the students before the end of the school year.

Mr. Muller moved that the Town of Weston support the "It Can Wait" no-texting-while-driving movement. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding setting a date for a Public Hearing to solicit comment on the potential purchase of 48 Norfield Road. Ms. Weinstein said she went to

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Planning and Zoning and that night they issued a favorable report for the purchase of the property at 48 Norfield Road without having to have a public hearing. Ms. Weinstein said that she thinks we would be doing a disservice if we didn't have a legally noticed public hearing.

Mr. Tracey moved to set a Public Hearing for June 10th at 7:20pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room to solicit public comment on the potential purchase of 48 Norfield Road. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Updates

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- They submitted the grant for the SRO. She was on the phone with Congressman Himes office, Senator Blumenthal office and Senator Murphy's office to try to solicit letters of support for that grant. Congressman Himes said absolutely and Senators Blumenthal and Murphy's office wants more information as to why we feel we need it.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting- Ms. Weinstein moved to add a discussion/decision regarding establishing a Global Facilities Committee. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Weinstein said that she has led an informal committee consisting of the Board of Finance Chair and Vice Chair, Board of Education Chair and Vice Chair, Tom Landry and school personnel. They got feedback that this should be a formal committee established by the Board of Selectmen so that if residents want to sit in on the meetings and hear the conversation, they can. They will post regular meetings so that anyone can attend. Ms. Weinstein said she spoke with Jerry Sargent today about the makeup of the Committee. The charge of the committee is to determine from a global prospective, a strategic plan for our facilities.

Mr. Muller moved that we establish a Global Facilities Committee to be comprised of the First Selectman, chair and vice chair of the Boards of Finance and Education or their designees, the chair of the Building Committee and the Town Administrator and any designated staff and the Superintendent of Schools and any designated staff. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/approval of the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of the May 2nd Board of Selectmen's' meeting- Mr. Tracey moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:35pm Mr. Muller moved to enter into executive session. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session- Negotiation Strategies with the Unions

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ATTENDANCE: The meeting was convened at 9:41 pm in the First Selectman's Office by Chairman Weinstein, with Selectmen Muller and Tracey present. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Landry, and Police Commissioners William Brady and Jeffrey Eglash.

DISCUSSION: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Town's negotiating positions in upcoming labor negotiations.

No votes were taken.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 10:37 pm, a motion (David Muller, Dennis Tracey second) to adjourn executive session and resume in open session passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant
Approved 6/10/13