

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
September 25, 2013

**Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; Selectman Dennis Tracey; 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 6:10 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance-**

**Accept the resignation of Marilyn Parker as an alternate from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately.** Mr. Muller moved to accept the resignation of Marilyn Parker as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Donald Scarborough to fill the vacancy (Marilyn Parker) as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire November 12, 2013.** Mr. Scarborough said that he has lived in Weston for approximately 12 years. He has never participated in Town government but has the time and is interested in learning about ZBA. He did attend their last meeting.

Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Donald Scarborough to fill the vacancy of Marilyn Parker as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire November 12, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding extending the term of the Charter Revision Commission.** Mr. Muller moved to extend the term of the Charter Revision Commission to January 31, 2014. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding setting a public hearing to hear comment on the proposed changes to the Weston Town Charter.** Mr. Muller moved to set a public hearing for October 17, 2013 at 6:30pm to hear comment on the proposed changes to the Weston Town Charter in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion regarding the potential merger of SWRPA & Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials.** Ms. Weinstein said that OPM has made it clear that if we don't elect to voluntarily merge with another region, they will choose a region that we will be forced to merge with. According to the new State Statute, we have to merge by January 2014 and become a COG by January 1, 2015.

The municipalities in our region feel that the best fit is to merge with Housatonic Valley. Ms. Weinstein said if the South Western Region had decided to merge with Greater Bridgeport she would have approached the Selectmen to defect and merge north, because we have more in common with those communities. One of her concerns is if they don't

move forward with this tomorrow, the Greater Bridgeport Regional Council did support a resolution for the consolidation of the Southwestern Region and Greater Bridgeport Planning Regions. She said this is a document that they knew nothing about, and Gordon Joseloff attended a DEHMES meeting where he found out about it after it was approved.

Ms. Weinstein said that the Hartford CROG has about 22 members and the other regions are much bigger than us. There are only two RPA's in the State so we are the only ones that are tremendously impacted. The other Council of Elected Officials such as Bridgeport and Housatonic do have to change to COGs.

Mr. Tracey this was the best option of many bad options and we should go forward and explore it. He thinks it should be on our agenda every meeting for an update

**Request for property tax refunds:**

<b>David A. Ackert</b>	<b>\$591.37</b>
<b>Estate of Richard I. Fox</b>	<b>\$56.68</b>
<b>Mercedes Benz Financial Ser.</b>	<b>\$939.93</b>
<b>Porche Leasing LTD</b>	<b>\$724.30</b>
<b>Joseph M. Page</b>	<b>\$21.17</b>
<b>Howard A. Potter</b>	<b>\$10.82</b>
<b>Sergey &amp; Zoya Ishin</b>	<b>\$5,278.40</b>
<b>CAB East LLC</b>	<b>\$492.66</b>
<b>Toyota Motor Credit Corp</b>	<b>\$588.05</b>
<b>BMW Financial Services</b>	<b>\$420.99</b>
<b>Honda Financial</b>	<b><u>\$519.17</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,643.54</b>

Mr. Muller moved to approve property tax refunds in the amount of \$9,643.54 as listed on the September 25, 2013 Board of Selectmen's agenda. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding scheduling a Board of Selectmen public question and answer in lieu of a contested election.** Ms. Weinstein said that since this is not a contested election where the public gets to ask questions of the Selectmen, she would like to have a Question and Answer session at the beginning of the October 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen. The other Selectmen agreed. Margaret Wirtenberg said that the League of Women Voters would love to help. Ms. Weinstein asked her to let the league know about this and ask them to come prepared with questions.

**Updates**

**First Selectman updates**

**Senior Center-** Ms. Weinstein said she informed Wendy Petty and Dr. Palmer that the Senior Center will not be moving until at least, if at all, the end of the school year. The superintendent and the Hurlbutt principal have been

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incredible gracious. Emmanuel Church has to work out some of their internal issues.

**Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2013 and September 3, 2013 Board of Selectmen's Meeting.** Mr. Tracey moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Muller abstained since he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Tracey moved to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously

**Discussion/decision regarding postponing the Town Meeting to approve the change in the scope of work for the High School windows and doors project.** Ms. Weinstein said that she would like to table this discussion until the Superintendent has a fair chance to make her presentation.

At 6:48 Mr. Tracey moved to adjourn this meeting until after the Tri Board Meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 11:10 pm: The Board of Selectmen's meeting resumed.

Discussion regarding scheduling a town meeting ensued. Ms. Weinstein said that we will have the Special Town Meeting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room to change the scope of the work for the High School windows and doors project, as originally planned.

**Discussion/decision regarding the nomination of Susan Moch as the moderator and Robert Uzenoff as the alternate moderator for the Town Meeting.** Mr. Tracey moved to nominate Susan Moch as moderator and Bob Uzenoff as the alternate moderator for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Town Meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

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