

Board of Selectmen's meeting

April 2, 2009

Present: First Selectman Woody Bliss; Selectman W. Glenn Major; Selectwoman Gayle Weinstein; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito and members of the public.

This meeting was recorded and video taped and the tapes are available in the Selectmen's office.

Mr. Bliss called the meeting to order at 8:07pm.

Pledge of Allegiance- Rick Darling lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bliss made a motion to add to the agenda an update on a plan for carbon monoxide detectors in Town. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the date for the April 23rd and the May 21st Selectmen's meetings. Mr. Major said that he has a hearing in Westport on April 23rd so he will not be able to attend the meeting. Neither he nor Ms. Weinstein can make the meeting on May 21st.

Mr. Major made a motion to reschedule the Board of Selectmen's meeting which was originally scheduled for April 23rd to 7:00pm on April 21st and the May 21st meeting be rescheduled to May 20th at 7:30pm. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval/discussion of the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of March 5, 2009 and March 19, 2009. Mr. Major made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5th as amended. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Major made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19th minutes as submitted. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting.

Mr. Major made a motion to add to the agenda changing the name of the Global Warming Committee. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Strasmore said that the committee has come up with a new name which is the Select Committee for Sustainability.

Mr. Major made a motion to change the name from the Select Committee on Global Warming to the Select Committee for Sustainability. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Major made a motion to add to the agenda a request for a supplemental appropriation from the Alternative Energy Committee. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Major made a motion to authorize a supplemental appropriation of \$9,600 for the feasibility study for the fuel cell and \$600 for interval reports from CL&P subject to the Board of Finance approval and subject to the Board of Education approval. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 10:13pm Mr. Major made a motion to enter into executive session. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session- Contract Negotiation for AFSCME Council 4, Weston Town Union Employees Local 866 and Police Chief's compensation.

ATTENDANCE and DISCUSSION: The meeting was convened at 10:16 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room by Chairman Bliss, with Mr. Major and Ms. Weinstein present. Also present were Town Administrator Landry, Finance Director Rick Darling, Counsel Monte Frank of Cohen and Wolf, and Building Committee members Don Gary and Richard Wolf.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board voted unanimously (Ms. Weinstein, motion; Mr. Major second) to end executive session and reconvene in open session. The time was 10:59 pm.

AFSCME CONTRACT. The Board voted unanimously to approve the following motion (Mr. Major, Ms. Weinstein second) : That the Board authorize the First Selectman to sign the proposed contracts between the Town of Weston and AFSCME Council 4, Local 866, for the periods May 25, 2005- June 30, 2009, and July 1, 2009- June 30, 2012, as presented.

POLICE CHIEF PAY RAISE. The Board voted unanimously to approve the following motion (Mr. Major motion, Ms. Weinstein second): That the Board authorizes an increase in pay rate for the Police Chief from Grade 16, Step 3 (\$95,311.67) to Grade 16, Step 4 (\$96,791.01). Further that this raise shall be retroactive to July 1, 2008, consistent with the terms of the Chief's employment contract with the Town, and that the entire \$96,791.01 amount shall be paid from the approved 2008-09 fiscal year budget, and will not come from a supplemental appropriation.

ADJOURN: At 11:03 pm, the Board voted unanimously (Ms. Weinstein motion, Mr. Major second) to adjourn the meeting.

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Respectfully submitted
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Administrative Assistant