

Present: First Selectman Nina Daniel, Selectman Dennis Tracey, Selectman Chris Spaulding, Town Administrator Tom Landry, Director of Parks & Recreation David Ungar, Director of Communications John Ojarovsky, Administrative Assistant AnnMarie Fontana, Weston Residents

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Elizabeth Pocsik

Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Brian Collins from the Parks and Recreation Commission effective May 12, 2016. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to accept the resignation of Brian Collins from the Parks and Recreation Commission effective May 12, 2016. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision to appoint Elizabeth Pocsik to the Parks and Recreation Commission, to fill the vacancy left by Mark Butlein, for a term to end December 31, 2019. Ms. Pocsik spoke about her background with the schools, Weston Swimming as well as with parks and recreation. She feels she has a lot to contribute and would like to see more offerings to keep residents in town. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Pocsik to the Parks and Recreation Commission, to fill the vacancy left by Mark Butlein, for a term to end December 31, 2019. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision to appoint Leslie Riback to the Board of Assessment Appeals, to fill the vacancy left by Ryan Cornell, for a term to end November 7, 2017. Ms. Riback, in addition to her experience from being a realtor, she also served as an alternate on the BoAA since December - she has a strong understanding of housing, taxes and values Mr. Tracey made a motion to appoint Leslie Riback to the Board of Assessment Appeals, to fill the vacancy left by Ryan Cornell, for a term to end November 7, 2017. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding idea of a Dog Park in Weston: Maria Calamito-Proto and Mark Harper. This item will be postponed until the next meeting.

Ms. Daniel made a motion to add another item to the agenda regarding accepting grant money for bridge repairs. Mr. Tracey made the motion to add to today's agenda the discussion regarding grants for bridges. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The grants from the state of CT are as follows: \$28,488.00 for the repair of the Davis Hill Road Bridge, \$63,372.80 for the repair of Cavalry Road Bridge, and \$114,208.00 for the repair of the

River Road Bridge.

Mr. Spaulding made a motion to allow the First Selectman to accept the grant money as listed for our bridge repairs. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to exercise the powers of the Board as provided in article 5.1(c) of the Town Charter, in regard to matters of offers of employment for prospective part time and seasonal employees, and also for matters related to the termination of their employment. Mr. Tracey moved to authorize the First Selectman to exercise the powers of the Board as provided in article 5.1(c) of the Town Charter, in regard to matters of offers of employment for prospective part time and seasonal employees, and also for matters related to the termination of their employment. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Mr. Spaulding also clarified that this only relates to these categories of positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to issue an offer of employment for the position of Parks and Recreation Groundskeeper to Mr. Robert Mattera effective immediately; Dave Ungar – Mr. Spaulding moved to authorize the First Selectman to issue an offer of employment for the position of Parks and recreation Groundskeeper to Mr. Robert Mattera effective immediately. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to issue an offer of employment for the position of Part Time Dispatcher to Nicholas DiCairano subject to successful completion of a psychological review – John Ojarovsky – Ms. Daniel asked about the special qualifications required for this position. Mr. Ojarovsky said they look for backgrounds in public safety, police etc. Mr. DiCairano is currently a F/T employee for CMED which is medical dispatch for Bridgeport Hospital. Background checks, employment verification and psychological review as well to make sure they can handle stress of the job. Mr. Tracey made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to issue an offer of employment for the position of Part Time Dispatcher to Nicholas DiCairano subject to successful completion of a psychological review. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to sign lease documents with TD Equipment Finance, Inc. on behalf of the Town as co-lessee with the Board of Education for the acquisition of school technology equipment: Richard Rudl, Director of Finance; Craig Tunks, IT Director

Mr. Rudl explained that these items were included in the BOE Budget. Mr. Tunks presented a list of the equipment. In the future they will look into owning equipment vs. leasing to make more cost effective. Recycling used equipment will also be considered.

Mr. Spaulding moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign lease documents with TD Equipment Finance, Inc. on behalf of the Town as co-lessee with the Board of Education for the acquisition of school technology equipment. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision for a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000 for architect Phil Cerrone to create a feasibility and cost study for 48 Norfield Rd to amend and replace prior resolution for a supplemental appropriation of \$7,100 at the April 4, 2016 Board of

Selectmen meeting. Mr. Tracey made a motion to request a supplemental appropriation of \$5,000 for architect Phil Cerrone to create a feasibility and cost study for 48 Norfield Rd to amend and replace prior resolution for a supplemental appropriation of \$7,100 at the April 4, 2016 Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Discussion ensued – Mr. Spaulding asked what it is that is removed to save the \$2,100. Ms. Daniel stated one thing is strength study of the 2nd floor which will be done in-house (\$1,100 savings). The other thing was relating 48 Norfield to other areas around it (including relating to the Jarvis house). Ms. Daniel felt it was not something we need to do at this time; instead we need to focus on the structure (\$1,000 savings). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a supplemental appropriation for \$5,000 for Humes to provide an alternate PD schematic and estimate of probable project costs. Mr. Spaulding made a motion to request a supplement appropriation for \$5000 for Humes to provide an alternate PD schematic and estimate of probable project costs. Mr. Tracey asked why we need this. Mr. Landry said the Building Committee suggested that we fully explore both alternatives before making a decision. (two options would be to either expand into Town Hall or leave town employees where they are and do an addition out the back side of the existing PD). Discussion ensued. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman updates

- a. **Strategic Planning Committee:** Ms. Daniel stated that this committee has been very busy and she looks forward to attending more of their meetings. Ms. Daniel asked how people in town can be involved – Mr. Tracey suggested they get on a mailing list. Everything they do as a committee is posted on the website as well so people can stay up to date. Mr. Tracey discussed some of the committee's goals and current projects.
- b. **Budget Update from General Assembly:** Democratic leadership has rejected the Governor's suggested cuts. Alternative fiscal ways of dealing with the budget deficits (by both the Democratic and Republican leaders) are being discussed.

Discussion/decision to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes from March 24, 2016 and April 4, 2016. Mr. Spaulding made the motion. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn: 8:59pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: May 5, 2016