

Present: Acting First Selectman Dennis Tracey, Selectman Chris Spaulding, Town Administrator Tom Landry, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Weston Residents

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

Mr. Tracey called the meeting to order at: 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Dennis Tracey

Proclamation – Joan Lewis Mr. Tracey presented a proclamation to Joan Lewis who is retiring after working for the Town for 28 years.

Discussion/decision to appoint Allesandra Petrino as our Children & Teen Librarian. Ms. Petrino brings to Weston many years of experience with child and teen programs, modern technology and trends. She is very excited to bring fresh ideas to Weston. Mr. Spaulding moved to appoint Alessandra Petrino as Weston's Children and Teen Librarian. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision to appoint David Allon to Lachat Town Farm Commission for a term to end December 31, 2019. Mr. Allon has been involved in farming since he graduated high school. He is passionate about organic farming and sustainability. Mr. Spaulding moved to appoint David Allon to Lachat Town Farm Commission for a term to end December 31, 2019. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision to appoint AnnMarie Fontana as the Administrative Assistant to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Fontana has been working as an Administrative Floater in Town Hall. She is thankful and appreciative to be given this opportunity. Mr. Spaulding moved to appoint AnnMarie Fontana as the Administrative Assistant for the Planning and Zoning and Conservation Commissions. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion regarding the proposed Dog Park – John Conte Mr. Conte presented a drawing of the Moore Property with the proposed Dog Park. Parking facility, drainage, grading, and maintenance that would be needed. The next step Mr. Conte will be making is getting quotes for staking and tree flagging which needs to be done before Planning & Zoning and Conservation come out to review property. The Selectmen agreed he should move forward to get these estimates.

Discussion/decision regarding re-instating the Sustainability Committee. Mr. Spaulding said there is a lot of interest among residents and students. At this time we are collecting letters of interest along with political affiliation. Mr. Spaulding read the previous mission statement of the Weston Select Committee of Sustainability (see attached). Mr. Tracey feels this committee would be an asset to our town. Mr. Spaulding moved that the BOS form a Select Committee on Sustainability consisting of 7 members following town's practice of having a bare majority. Mr. Tracey modified the motion by adding that the committee be guided by the mission statement (see attached) which can be adjusted as necessary, and making the term for members 2 years. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Strategic Planning Committee: Website Launch Marc Karasu of the Marketing Committee presented "The Weston Way" – a proposed website for the Town of Weston. The idea behind the website is to have a place for potential residents, realtors and current residents to turn to for information and marketing our town. The committee is still working on finalizing links, listening to suggestions, figuring out budget needs and deciding who would maintain the site.

Discussion/decision to approve Budget Review Schedule 2017-18 Mr. Spaulding made a motion to approve the Budget Review Schedule for 2017-18. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Property Tax Refunds Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the Property Tax Refunds as listed on the November 3rd agenda for the total amount of \$994.56. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Acting First Selectman Update

Route 57 Construction Mr. Tracey spoke about Rt 57 and the concerns about safety, especially during the winter months. The completion of the project is not set to finish until 2018, but could occur earlier. Construction is now active on the site. – The contractor will widen the road around River Road and they will, if necessary divert traffic around Old Weston Road. They will also be discussing giving Weston priority with sand and salt. This project will continue to be monitored closely.

Police Department Renovation – There were two possible designs presented at the recent Police Commission meeting. One option would be the expansion towards the library and the other option is expanding towards the fire department. The Police Commission unanimously approved the entrance and expansion to the PD on the library side. One side of building will be for emergency vehicle access and the other side of building would be for public access. There is not a unanimous agreement with all emergency services so this discussion will need to continue.

Minute's approval - October 6th and 26th Mr. Spaulding moved to approve the October 6th and 25th BOS minutes. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive session Mr. Spaulding moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Town Administrator search, legal update and the tentative agreement with Communications Center Bargaining Unit. Mr. Tracey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Session Adjourned: 9:56pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

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ATTENDANCE: The meeting was convened at 9:03 pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room with members Dennis Tracey and Chris Spaulding present. Counsel Patricia Sullivan and Town Administrator Landry were also present.

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DISCUSSION: The Board received an update on general litigation from Counsel Sullivan. Mr. Spaulding left the room for the presentation regarding the Steep Hill Renewables case. Attorney Sullivan left the meeting at the conclusion of her presentation. Mr. Tracey provided an update on contract discussions with a prospective Town Administrator candidate. Mr. Landry provided an update on the tentative agreement with the Dispatch unit.

No votes were taken.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 9: 55 pm, a motion (CS, DT second) to adjourn executive session and resume in open session passed unanimously.

UPSEU COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AGREEMENT: A motion to accept the tentative agreement specifying the terms of a contract agreement for the period July 1, 2016- June 30, 2018, dated October 11, 2016 (attached) passed unanimously (CS motion, DT second).

ADJOURN: At 9:59 pm, a motion (DT, CS second) to adjourn the meeting passed by unanimous vote.

Minutes Approved: December 1, 2016

The Weston Select Committee for Sustainability

The Weston Select Committee on Sustainability is dedicated to providing Weston's residents with opportunities to implement sustainable practices that will achieve long-term well being. The word "sustainability" encompasses the following: reducing negative human impact on the environment while restoring and protecting the basic health of our air, land, and water.

The Committee will be a source of information for residents and businesses with a commitment to promoting awareness and civic involvement through education by offering continuous outreach to the community. In addition, the Committee will offer recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, taking advantage of federal, state, and other programs/funding, by including a research component to its work, as well as developing and recommending "sustainability ordinances." The Committee will also work with neighboring communities to position Fairfield County as a leader in the movement toward state, national and global sustainability.