

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

June 17, 2010

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; Selectman Dan Gilbert; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito;

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. The tapes are available in the Selectmen's office.

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

Pledge of Allegiance- The Skor children led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Accept the resignation of Marcia Bittner from the Western Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau effective immediately- Mr. Muller said that he is disturbed by what has happened with the organization and it is inexcusable that representatives of Fairfield County do not hear about meetings and events until after they have occurred.

Mr. Muller made a motion to accept the resignation of Marcia Bittner from the Western Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau effective immediately. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Andi Luciano Fine on the Commission for the Arts for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Andi Luciano Fine was unable to attend the meeting. She will attend a meeting at a later date.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of David Coprio to the Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012- Mr. Coprio has served on the Building Committee for over 20 years. He feels the committee works very well together.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to reappoint David Coprio to the Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Nicholas Bell to the Nature Center Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Nicholas Bell said that he has lived in Weston since 1965. His background is as a building contractor for residential and commercial. He has an interest in historical buildings as well. He has served on the Conservation Committee and Deer Committee.

Mr. Muller made a motion to reappoint Nicholas Bell to the Nature Center Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Barbara Reynolds to fill the vacancy (Steve Ezzes) as a moderator for a term to expire December 31, 2011. Ms.

Reynolds feels that her volunteer roles in the community lend themselves very well to running meetings. Her last Town-wide position was vice chair on the Board of Education and she feels its time to start getting involved again.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint Barbara Reynolds to fill the vacancy of Steve Ezzes as a moderator for a term to expire December 31, 2011. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Accept the resignation of Jennifer Hunt from the Commission for Children and Youth effective immediately. Mr. Muller made a motion to accept the resignation from Jennifer Hunt from the Commission for Children and Youth effective immediately. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Jennifer Skor to fill the vacancy (Jennifer Hunt) on the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2011. Ms. Skor has been attending commission meetings for the last two years so she knows what the commission is about. She is also active in the community, serves lunches for the seniors and also does Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint Jennifer Skor to fill the vacancy of Jennifer Hunt on the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2011. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a request for \$ 6,000 from the Weston Warm Up Fund for FY 2009-2010- Dawn Egan. Ms. Egan said that they assisted 52 households during the 2009/2010 heating season which is down 2 households from last year. They have lost a few clients due to death and one client has a new job and is doing very well. The average household income of their recipients is \$23,984. They are asking the Town for \$6,000 dollars.

Andrew Langlois went over their financial overview and said they work closely with Charlene Chang-Hillman, Town Social Worker, to get people qualified as clients and assist them in filling out the forms that NEON and the State agencies require.

Approximately 57% of contributions come from individuals in the community. The Town's contribution of \$6,000 is one of the largest that they get from any organization. They raised \$97,000 and dispersed \$93,000. They will carry the \$4,000 over to next year.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to approve the request for \$6,000 from the Weston Warm-Up fund for fiscal year 2009-2010 from the Community Grants Budget. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding authorizing the First Selectman to sign a contract for search services for a Library Director. Ms. Weinstein thanked Jane Atkinson for her years of service to the Town.

Amy Sanborn, chair on the Library Board also thanked Jane and said that Jane has generously offered to stay until a replacement is found. The Library Board wants to engage Alan Burger and his firm to assist the library board in running the director search. The cost for hiring the firm will come out of the library's current budget. The firm is charging the Town 18% of the first year salary plus expenses but the Town asked that they cap it at 25%.

Mr. Gilbert commented that this would be the time to look at the structure of the library and look at it as a community structure, as opposed to just a library. Ms. Sanborn said that we could potentially do some of that through library programs but speaking as a library board member she did not think that would be possible. She said when the library expansion project was done, the grant money that they got from the State to help fund it, was actually for library expansion space. They are just the stewards of the asset for a certain period of time. Mr. Muller felt that we needed to address this as a separate issue and concentrate on the contract.

Mr. Gilbert disagreed and feels the best way to look at it is as a community structure with a library component; this would require a different type of leader. Ms. Weinstein said when they found out Jane was leaving she asked the library board to consider merging our library with other libraries or seeing how they can better structure our library. After researching, the Board determined that it would be more expensive to go that route.

The library has the hiring powers for the Library Director position and they have the powers on how to utilize their budget. It is stated very clearly in the State mandates; if you have a library board, they retain those powers.

Mr. Muller made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign a contract for search services for a Library Director. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a vote to award a contract in the amount of \$212,870 for the milling and paving of Old Hyde Road to A&J Construction of Brookfield, CT. Mr. Landry said that this is stimulus money and we are limited in how we spend it. There were five eligible roads and three have already been repaved. They received two proposals when they went out to bid. The State has reviewed everything that the low bidder has submitted and authorized the Town to award that bid. There is a construction meeting scheduled for Tuesday.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to award a contract in the amount of \$212,870 for the milling and paving of Old Hyde Road to A&J Construction of Brookfield Connecticut. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding authorizing the First Selectman to sign a Memorandum of Agreement regarding use of Federal Fiscal Year 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 1. This is a regional grant that is shared between the Southwest Region

and the Greater Bridgeport Region. The grant allows for regional training, regional assistance and regional cooperation between all of the communities. Stamford and Bridgeport oversee the money.

Mr. Muller made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign a Memorandum of agreement regarding use of Federal Fiscal Year 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 1. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Request for property tax refunds:

Primacy Relocation, LLC	\$13,661.93
First American Tax Service	\$5,994.58
Mercedes Benz Financial	\$1,752.33
Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp.	\$378.87
CAB East LLC	\$272.91
VW Credit	<u>\$207.93</u>
Total	\$22,268.55

Mr. Muller made a motion to approve property tax refunds in the aggregate amount of \$22,268.55 as listed on the agenda. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Ongoing update

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- No new news

Booster Barn- Kitchen appliances are being installed next week.

Tickler file, discuss as updated

Reimbursement from State for school projects- Tom Landry

Discussion/approval of the Board of Selectmen’s minutes for the June 3, 2010 meeting. This item will be moved to the next meeting.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting- Mr. Gilbert made a motion to add a discussion on the Millman report to the agenda. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gilbert asked that Rick Darling come before the Selectmen and walk them through the report. Ms. Weinstein said that the Board of Finance is having a meeting to discuss the Millman report on Tuesday June 29th at 7:00pm.

At 8:26pm Mr. Muller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session- Labor Negotiations

ATTENDANCE: The meeting was convened at 8:27 pm in the First Selectman's Office by Chairman Weinstein, with Selectmen Muller and Gilbert present. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Landry.

DISCUSSION: The meeting was called to update Board members on the status of labor negotiations with the Highway and Dispatch units. Key elements in the unit's demands and the parameters of Town demands and economic response were noted and discussed. No votes were taken.

ADJOURN: At 9:36 pm, a motion (David Muller, Dan Gilbert second) to adjourn executive session and resume in open session passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: At 9:37 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting (Dan Gilbert, David Muller second) passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

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Administrative Assistant
Approved 7/8/10