

Board of Selectmen's Meeting: Special
September 17, 2014

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; Selectman Dennis Tracey; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Randi Derene; Town Engineer John Conte; Police Sergeant Michael Ferullo; Animal Control Mark Harper; Chairman of Police Commission Bill Brady; 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: 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Ms. Weinstein led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Jon Rogers to the Building Board of Appeals – Ms. Weinstein asked for Mr. Rogers to briefly speak about his background and why he is interested in this position. Mr. Rogers has been building and renovating houses for 25 years. He grew up in Weston. In 1989 he started his own business of buying, building and renovating properties in Bridgeport. He has 3 daughters, and a wife that works for school system. His father worked for ZBA in the 70's so he felt this is something he should be doing.

Mr. Tracey moves to appoint Jon Rogers to the Building Board of Appeals for a term to expire August 30th 2019. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a supplemental appropriation for the improvement of traffic conditions on Old Mill Road- John Conte, Sergeant Mike Ferullo and Bill Brady.

Mr. Conte has been working closely with Chief Troxell and the Police Commission on controlling the speeding on Old Mill Road. Presented tonight will be recommendations from both the office of Mr. Conte and of Chief Troxell (presented by Sergeant Ferullo in the Chief's absence).

Mr. Conte: Proposes striping Old Mill Road with 4" white striping lines along the shoulders of the road for the entire length of road in the Town of Weston. Also in 3 locations, Mr. Conte proposes to paint diagonal yellow line (cross hatching section) across the street paired with a sign stating "Road Narrows". The striping of the shoulder gives an optical illusion that the road narrows. The painted cross hatch gives a large warning signal along with the signs. Mr. Conte put together estimates from both East Coast and SMC. East Coast's quote was lower (\$1550) and he is requesting approval for striping and additional signage totaling \$2030.

Mr. Muller asked that when Old Mill Road cross into another town, should the striping and cross hatching continues? Mr. Conte said the road actually widens once you cross over to the Wilton side. Mr. Tracey then asked about the optical illusion, expressing concern that the road will become even narrower. He recalled when we addressed this issue last year; our concern was the number of accidents due to narrowness of the road. Cars were actually hitting each other's side mirrors because the roads were so narrow. Mr. Conte stated that there were trees causing an obstruction, which forced cars to move towards center of street. He said that these trees were removed. Ms. Weinstein then clarified that they are not actually narrowing the road, just adding an optical illusion to calm traffic conditions. Mr. Tracy also asked about the cross hatching and whether or not that will be enough to tell drivers to slow down. Ms. Weinstein said that in addition to the cross hatching there will be signs that state "Narrow Road" and also signs that

will state the speed limit. With both the signs and the optical illusion of the road narrowing, people will hopefully slow down. Mr. Conte stated that CT DOT uses this method and has positive results.

Mr. Muller moves that the BOS approve a supplemental appropriation of \$2030.00 for re-striping and signage of Old Mill Road to improve safety. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Sergeant Ferullo: As part of the integrated traffic calming scheme, along with the striping, he also wants to incorporate other visual aids. He would like to use All Traffic Solutions Monitoring Boxes (also called "Pizza Boxes") to collect data to interpret for the next Police Commission meeting. Chief Troxell and the Police Commission agreed to ask for two more Pizza Boxes and another Speed Alert Trailer. New speed alert trailers are smaller, easier to move around and have a message sign. The ones we currently have do not belong to the town, so we may need to give back to the state when needed. The new trailer will allow us to count speed, have signage and collect information for surveys. The one we are currently using does not have the survey option. Ms. Weinstein says these types of requests normally need to go through capital budget process. However, given the numerous requests around town for the monitoring boxes she can make a case for the 2 speed displays, so that there is more flexibility to monitor Old Mill Rd., but cannot approve the speed trailer right now as it is not specifically for Old Mill Road. For 10,000 it should go through capital budget process. Mr. Muller stated that he would like to see how the striping goes, and look at additional devices from there. Chief Troxell was going to put in a request in the capital budget for one more speed trailer. Mr. Tracey agrees that it is not appropriate to replace equipment as a supplemental. He is in favor of two of the displays for now.

Mr. Tracey moves that the BOS approve a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of two Shield 12 Displays and associated equipment for a cost of \$9,144.00 pending Board of Finance approval. Mr. Muller seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding granting permission for controlled deer hunting on Weston Town property- Mark Harper

Mr. Harper stated that we've made big strides in reducing the deer population, but in reading the report from DEEP program, the numbers are still way too high.

Mr. Harper would like to open up certain properties to hunters where they can come in at no cost to the town and reduce the deer population. Ms. Weinstein says that she will approve hunting at the Landfill and on the Moore property, as we have previously given approvals for those specific properties. The property behind the Lachat Farmhouse, Morehouse Park, and the northwest side of Bisceglie Park all need to be investigated further and will continue discussions at the next BOS meeting.

Ms. Weinstein asked Mr. Harper how many hunters will be at each location. Mr. Harper said 3 hunters at the Landfill not adequate. He would like to get 6 hunters there and 3 hunters at the Moore property. Mr. Harper will notify the homeowners in the area.

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Mr. Tracey moved that the Board grant permission for controlled deer hunting on the following Town Properties: Landfill and the Moore Property. Such hunt shall be bow and arrow only. No more than 6 hunters at the Landfill property will be allowed at one time and no more than 3 hunters at the Moore property will be allowed at one time. This hunt will be carefully be administered by the Animal Control Officer. All permits will be signed by the First Selectman. Abutting property owners will be notified by mail at least 5 days prior to the controlled hunt. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion is passed unanimously.

Request for Property Tax Refunds

Core Logic	\$10,755.21
Goldman, Gruder & Woods, LLC	\$9,945.76
BMW Financial Services	\$2,150.02
Mercedes Benz Financial Services	\$1,981.50
Toyota Financial Services	\$709.33
Honda Lease Trust	\$177.69
ACAR Leasing Ltd.	\$77.09
Deborah Discala	\$70.15
Richard Alan Zucker	\$20.96
Christopher Lang	<u>\$15.47</u>
	<u>TOTAL: \$25,903.18</u>

Mr. Muller moves that the Board approves the property tax refunds in the amount of \$25,903.18 as listed on the September 17, 2014 agenda. Mr. Tracey seconded and motion carried.

Open Items:

First Selectman's Update:

Our first Western Connecticut Council of Government (WC-COG) meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2014.

Mr. Landry: Nothing to report

Approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectman's meeting of September 4, 2014

Mr. Muller moves that the Board approves the minutes of the September 4th BOS meeting.

Mr. Tracey seconded and motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 8:14

Respectfully submitted

Randi Derene
Administrative Assistant
Approved 9-30-14