

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

July 8, 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

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment Andi Luciano Fine to the Commission for the Arts for a term to expire June 30, 2012. She has enjoyed her experience on the Commission for the Arts and would like to continue on the Commission. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint Andi Luciano Fine to the Commission for the Arts for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment/reappointment of Deirdre Doran and David Wilk to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. David Wilk- David Wilk is involved in environmental related issues. He hopes the Sustainability Committee can act as a catalyst in education and get ideas for what people can do living in our community. Mr. Muller made a motion to appoint David Wilk to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Deirdre Doran- Ms. Doran wants to carry on what the Strasmore's started and wants to educate people. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to reappoint Deirdre Doran to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/ interview/decision for appointment to the Board of Ethics for Nina Daniel and Dan Lerner; Robert Pickholtz- Dan Lerner has decided to withdraw his name from applying to the Board of Ethics.

Nina Daniel- In most recent years her background has been involved with ethics specifically with the Norwalk Hospital Board of Ethics. She has been interested in this subject all of her life and she is particularly interested in serving the community that is her hometown for 45 years.

Robert Pickholtz is being interviewed for Board of Ethics and Insurance Advisory Committee. He has been a Weston resident for 12 years. He is a graduate of Columbia University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences. He served as an officer in the Air Force

and then worked for pharmaceutical companies both in the U.S. and abroad. He is retired and was appointed to the Board of Directors of Drug Royalty Corp and is an associate partner of IMI Consulting.

Mr. Muller asked which Board would Mr. Pickholtz prefer and he said the Board of Ethics. Ms. Weinstein felt that his background fit the Insurance Advisory Committee asked that Mr. Pickholtz get in touch with Michael O'Brien the chairman on the Insurance Advisory Committee too see if the committee would be of interest to him.

Ms. Weinstein said that we have more interviews for the Board of Ethics and we will interview them at the next meeting.

Discussion/interview/decision for appointment to the Nature Center Building Committee Mark Harper; Fredric Rosen; Jeri Kelley; W. Glenn Major.

Mark Harper- Mr. Harper said he was the person who brought the entire project to the Town. He was personal friends with Mr. Lachat and they came up with the idea of the property going to the Town and the Nature Conservancy. He knows the property well and has hunted it for 30 years. He would like to see the project come to an end and be a part of it.

Fredric Rosen- Mr. Rosen has lived in Weston for 32 years and his kids have gone through the school system. He is very familiar with the Town. He has found it frustrating that we have not come to some conclusion with respect to the Lachat property. He feels very strongly that Mark Harper should be on the committee. Over the years he has heard Mark talk about this situation and if the Board of Selectmen had to choose between him and Mark, he would pick Mark.

Jeri Kelley- Ms. Kelly has lived in Town for 33 years. She has been in real estate since 1980 and feels the Nature Center Building Committee is something that she could really enjoy. She grew up on a 100 acre farm in Ohio so she is used to the openness and what nature has to offer.

W. Glenn Major- Mr. Major was at another meeting but was available by phone if needed.

Ms. Weinstein read a letter which she submitted into the record. Mr. Major served on the committee established by the Selectmen to solicit town input as to how the Lachat property could be used. He has spent considerable time reviewing all the underling documents with both the Nature Conservancy and Leon Lachat. He and Steve Patton have spent much time discussing the nature of the relationship between the Town and the Nature Conservancy. Ms. Weinstein said that Mr. Major truly knows the background of the Lachat property and on the last committee that he served on he was the one instrumental in getting public opinion.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint W. Glenn Major to the Nature Center Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Donald Gary to the Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Gary was interviewed but would not be appointed until the next meeting because we are waiting for recommendation from the RTC.

He has been on the Building Committee and School Building Committee since 2002. They have a bunch of projects going on and he would like to continue on the Building Committee.

Discussion/decision regarding the Building Committee recommendation to award Library Roof contract to J. Antonelli Roofing of Stamford, CT in the amount of \$186,338.- Don Gary. Mr. Gary said that the Building Committee unanimously voted to award the contract to J. Antonelli Roofing. They were not the low bid. There were three bids and they were wildly different. One bid came in at \$98,000 another at \$178,000 and the bid from the people currently working on the Middle School Roof was \$220,000. Because of the disparity in the bids they asked H.B. Fishman and Co. to vet the low bid and the second low bid. H.B. Fishman and Co. could not recommend that the Building Committee go forward with the low bid and the primary reason was they did not feel that it was representative of what the costs really were.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to award the Library Roof contract to J. Antonelli Roofing of Stamford, CT in the amount of \$186,338. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Richard Wolf; Pamela Bochinski; Benjamin Hume and Stewart Pearl to the Cemetery Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2011.

Stewart Pearl- He loves being on the cemetery committee and he feels like they are making progress.

Richard Wolf- He does not like to see a project be abandoned when it has not been completed and he feels that they are at a point and time where they have the opportunity to take the next step with this project. The core members should stay together and it is important to maintain that continuity.

Pamela Bochinski- She has been working on this for 20 years and is not about to quit now. She wants to stay on to see the project completed.

Benjamin Hume- He was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Muller made a motion to reappoint Richard Wolf, Pamela Bochinski and Stewart Pearl to the Cemetery Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2011. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from the Cemetery Committee- Richard Wolf

They contacted management groups in the area to come and talk to the committee. Carole Helms Reichhelm and Willowbrook Cemetery talked to the committee about what it takes to manage a cemetery and also what it takes to develop land for a cemetery. They said that Weston was a good fit for them and if they shared the labor and employees with Weston it would be a financial benefit to them. Carole did a proposal for them on the Fromson Strassler property.

Willowbrook uses a landscape architect, Blair Hines Design Assoc. LLC who came here and walked through the Fromson Strassler property and gave us a proposal for some preliminary design work. A copy of the proposal is attached to the minutes.

At this point the Committee is looking for \$19,000 to get documents ready to present to the Town and the different Boards and Commission that they would need to go before. This does not give them a site survey and a wetlands survey.

Now that the Committee has gotten so far, Ms. Weinstein said she would like to see some minimum level of support for a cemetery in Town before we spend a large amount of money. After further discussion Mr. Wolf said the cemetery committee would meet and come back to the Board with what they feel would be a proper approach and let the Selectmen know what appropriation they would need.

The Selectmen thanked the cemetery committee for all the work that they did.

Update regarding SWRPA- Margaret Wirtenberg- Ms. Wirtenberg gave an overview of SWRPA activity which is attached to these minutes.

Request for property tax refunds

Donald R. O'Donoghue	\$38.28
Nissan Motor Acceptance Corp	\$322.35
CAB East LLC	\$1,335.52
CAB East LLC	\$1,975.80
Steven H Sitver	<u>\$7,151.46</u>
Total	\$10,823.41

Mr. Muller made a motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$10,823.41 as listed on the July 8, 2010 agenda. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Ongoing update

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- Nothing new to report

Booster Barn- Windows should be coming in next week. The toilet partitions are ordered.

Tickler file, discuss as updated

Reimbursement from State for school projects- Tom Landry- No new news.

Discussion/approval of the minutes of the June 3rd and June 17th Board of Selectmen's meeting and the Emergency Board of Selectmen's meeting of June 30, 2010. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, and June 17, Board of Selectmen's meetings and the Emergency Board of Selectmen minutes of June 30, 2010. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:27pm Mr. Muller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant
Approved 8/5/10