

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

July 21, 2011

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

Selectman Muller joined the meeting by telephone.

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- Rick Phillips led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion/decision regarding a settlement agreement between the Town of Weston and CIRMA/Hartford Steam Boiler- Ms. Weinstein said the schools have had problems with the Chiller at the Weston Intermediate School and had to be replaced. In fact, it has experienced a catastrophic failure. We believe that it should have been covered under insurance and CIRMA did not. They have come to the Town with an agreement to settle for an additional \$50,000. The Board of Education has already approved the agreement and have asked the Town to approve it.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to approve the settlement agreement between the Town of Weston and CIRMA/Hartford Steam Boiler as presented. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Rev. Bernard Wilson as Weston's Police Chaplin for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Rick Phillips, Chairman on the Police Commission spoke on behalf of Rev. Wilson and said that he has done a fabulous job and he highly endorsed him. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to reappoint Rev. Bernard Wilson as Weston's Police Chaplin for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Allen Swerdlowe to the Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Margaret Wirtenberg said Mr. Swerdlowe has contributed enormously in a positive way to the architectural design aspects of the school project. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to reappoint Allen Swerdlowe to the Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding permission for the Police Commission to hire an additional police officer.- Rick Phillips. Rick Phillips said they had 97 candidates apply for Officer Jenna Phoenix's position which she will be vacating effective September 30th. Officer Phoenix is moving to Washington DC. They made an offer to the number one candidate who chose to withdraw his application. They had a strong number two candidate, Daniel Cascone, who has already passed all the

exams and has a spot in the police academy for August 12th. His starting salary is \$54,000 and will be replacing Jenna Phoenix at a salary of \$76,000.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to grant permission to the Weston Police Commission to hire Daniel Cascone as of August 12, 2011 to replace Officer Jenna Phoenix, who has given notice of resignation as of September 30, 2011. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding authorizing the First Selectman to collect unclaimed property belonging to the Town of Weston and the Board of Education currently being held by the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut. Ms. Weinstein said that we received notice of unclaimed money that is due to the Town of Weston. The amount totals \$894.22. She needs a notarized affidavit of authorization stating that the Board of Selectmen has given her permission to claim the funds. The Board of Education as passed a motion granting Ms. Weinstein the authority to collect their money.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute documents needed to collect unclaimed property belonging to the Town of Weston and the Board of Education currently being held by the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding awarding the Revson Field contract. Dave Ungar requested that the Board of Selectmen accept his recommendation to award the Revson Field renovation contract to Aqua Turf Irrigation of Orange Connecticut. They have done due diligence and reference checks and have very positive response to Marc D'Andrea and Aqua Turf's work. Mr. D'Andrea is a good contractor with excellent equipment and tremendous knowledge of ball field renovation and the work that has to be completed.

Mr. Gilbert went through the specs with Mr. Ungar. Mr. Gilbert said he looked at Bill Dest 2006 analysis and when you compare the analysis to what they are going to do, you fine threads of this work in his analysis. He spoke to Dennis Brolan and he said that from his perspective, this will be successful. Ms. Weinstein said we need to thank John Conte who did a great job at creating the bid specs and construction documents.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to award the Revson Field contract to Aqua Turf Irrigation, LLC. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Update on the Lachat farmhouse- Carol Baldwin- Carol said as she talks to potential donors, they want to know how much it is going to cost to renovate the house. Robert Hatch, a Fairfield architect with a background in historic restoration, has been putting together numbers for an estimate.

They now have Friends of Lachat and they are trying to identify more donors and also foundations that might be willing to contribute. They are trying to do this without using any Town funding, so they have to raise the money to not only restore, also to maintain the house down the line. Ms. Weinstein said that there could potentially be some Town

support because the endowment fund would be still in existence to maintain the Town buildings on the property.

Ms. Weinstein asked how much money they have raised to date and how confident are they that they are going to reach their goal. Ms. Baldwin said still hasn't moved past the \$55,000.

Ms. Weinstein told Carol to contact her if she came across any grants that she needed help with. Carol will come back to our September meeting and give an update.

Request for property tax refunds

Richard Silverstein	\$14,399.52
Mercedes-Benz Financial Services	\$526.08
Barbara F. Boroughs	<u>\$51.64</u>
Total	\$14,977.24

Mr. Muller made a motion to approve property tax refunds in the amount of \$14,977.24. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Ongoing updates

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- No new news

Ticker File, Discuss as updated

Reimbursement from State for school projects- Tom Landry- No New news. Waiting for letter that was sent to the School Superintendent by the School Facilities Unit.

Any business to come properly before the meeting- None

Discussion/approval of the Board of Selectmen's minutes of July 7, 2011

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of the July 7, 2011 meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 8:45pm Mr. Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant.
Approved 8/18/11