

Board of Selectmen's meeting

January 22, 2009

Present: First Selectman Woody Bliss; Selectman W. Glenn Major; Selectwoman Gayle Weinstein; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito.

This meeting was recorded and video taped and the tapes are available in the Selectmen's office.

Mr. Bliss called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

Pledge of Allegiance- Ken Bernhard lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 7:38pm Ms. Weinstein made a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Major seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session- C& H Litigation-Ken Bernhard; Heart & Hypertension claim-Scott Williams;

ATTENDANCE and DISCUSSION: The meeting was convened at 7:39 PM in the First Selectman's office by Chairman Bliss, with Mr. Major and Ms. Weinstein present. Also present was Town Administrator Landry, and Town Counsel Ken Bernhard.

The purpose of the executive session was to discuss the results of settlement efforts in the C&H Electric Lawsuit.

At 7:55 pm, Attorney Bernhard left the meeting and Attorney Scott Williams joined the meeting.

Mr. Williams discussed the status of the Palmiero Heart and Hypertension Claim.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board voted unanimously (Ms. Weinstein, motion; Mr. Major second) to end executive session and reconvene in open session. The time was 8:56pm.

Mr. Bliss reconvened the meeting at 8:58pm

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Lou Ellen Bartholmae to fill the vacancy (Helene Weatherill) on the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2010.

Ms. Bartholmae said she feels strongly about community service. She has been involved with senior citizens for the last 14 years since she has moved here. She has been working with St. Francis soup kitchen for the last 18 years providing meals at the Norwalk soup kitchen.

Ms. Weinstein made a motion to appoint Lou Ellen Bartholmae to fill vacancy of Helene Weatherill on the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Major seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Helen deKeijzer to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2010.

Ms. Weinstein made a motion to reappoint Helen deKeijzer to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2010. Mr. Major seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Decision regarding proposed FY07-08 year end line item transfers- Rick Darling.

Rick Darling said the transfers were approved by the Board of Finance at their last meeting. They are the line item accounts within the department budgets. The accounts that have positive balances basically are transferred to offset deficits in line item accounts elsewhere in the budget. The remaining balance of \$75,032.62 would be transferred to the General Fund.

Mr. Major made a motion to authorize year end balance transfers as shown on the statement to the total sum of \$75,032.62, such sum to be transferred to the general fund. Further Mr. Major moved that we approve inter department transfers as set forth on the statement. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The statement is a six page document, which is attached to the minutes.

Request for property tax refunds

CAB East, LLC	\$850.63
GMAC	\$508.22
Mercedes-Benz Financial	\$302.58
Chrysler Financial	\$107.81
Chase Auto Finance Corp	\$95.31
VW Leasing LTD	\$72.67
Andrew B. Johnson	\$86.46
David E. Faiman	<u>\$77.72</u>
Total	\$2,101.40

Mr. Major made a motion to authorize the First Selectmen to make the property tax refunds as set forth in the agenda for the total sum of \$2,101.40 upon appropriate review with the Tax Collector. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Discussion/ decision regarding the open items list

Code Red Contract- Contract waiting to be signed. We will be on the air March 1, 2009

Cemetery Committee – Public Meeting - Postpone until after the first of the year. Mr. Bliss said if we can not get people to serve on the cemetery committee he cannot imagine that we have a demand for a cemetery.

Municipal Amnesty (SB1200) – No action needed

Recycling- Tom Landry will set up meeting with haulers

Food Pantry Lease- Awaiting PBA reply- Mr. Major asked about the article in the paper saying the food pantry was open. He wanted to know how they could be opened, since they were told that they could not operate the pantry until we had a lease. Mr. Major said that he would draft a letter to Ms. Gaberman and Ms. Peyreigne and get it to Mr. Bliss.

Emergency and Disaster Planning Ordinance- Still open

FAA- Mr. Bliss said he would give them a public update and then he would update them in executive session. The FAA got a 30 day postponement on their response to our brief. We now have that and we have to respond by March 6th to their brief.

(1) Deer Hunt Status and (2) Reimbursement from the State for school projects will be added to the open items list.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting- Mr. Bliss made a motion to add to the agenda discussion of appointing an arbitrator for the fire house contract. Mr. Major seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bliss said he had received a letter from Arne deKeijzer, chairman on the Board of Ethics. The Ethics Commission has reviewed our request and they have four points all of which he thinks are fine.

Mr. Bliss said in the agreement we have a single arbitrator appointed by the Town and the fire department. If the fire department and the Town cannot agree on an arbitrator then the chairman of the Board of Ethics will appoint from an approved list of arbitrators.

Mr. Major made a motion that we go on record as acknowledging the letter from Arne deKeijzer setting out their four concerns and that we have reviewed the concerns and agree to address the concerns. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A copy of the letter from Mr. deKeijzer is attached to the minutes.

Discussion/approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's special meeting minutes of October 2, 2008, and Board of Selectmen's minutes of December 4, 2008 and January 8, 2009.

Ms. Weinstein made a motion to approve the minutes of Board of Selectmen's special meeting of October 2, 2008. Mr. Major seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Weinstein made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of December 4, 2008. Mr. Major seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Major made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2009 meeting as amended. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Major made a motion to add a discussion concerning the FAA in executive session. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:31pm Ms. Weinstein made a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Major seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ATTENDANCE and DISCUSSION: The meeting was convened at 9:32 PM in the First Selectman's office by Chairman Bliss, with Mr. Major and Ms. Weinstein present. Also present was Town Administrator Landry.

The purpose of the executive session was to receive a status report on the multi Town effort to defeat an FAA flight plan alteration proposal. No votes were taken.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board voted unanimously (Ms. Weinstein, motion; Mr. Major second) to end executive session and reconvene in open session. The time was 9:42pm.

ADJOURN: At 9:43 pm, the Board voted unanimously (Ms. Weinstein motion, Mr. Major second) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

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Administrative Assistant
Approved 2/12/09