

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

January 6, 2011

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- Barbara Reynolds led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of gifts-Ms. Weinstein thanked Girl Scout Troop 50029 for the wonderful job of building bird houses that were hung around Bisceglie Park. The purpose of the project was to achieve their silver awards.

There have also been numerous donations to the library fund. The Library Board has a policy of keeping their gifts anonymous. She thanked everyone who made a donation to the library and encouraged other people to make the same kinds of donations.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Nancy Hammerslough to fill the vacancy (Sandy O'Brien) on the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2012.- Nancy has lived in Weston for over 50 years and has worked on all types of community things including vice chairman on the Board of Education and chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. She feels very strongly about exercise for everyone including the elderly.

Mr. Muller made a motion to appoint Nancy Hammerslough to fill the vacancy on the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2012. Mr. Gilbert 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, 2012.- Helen feels that the senior center has made significant progress in reaching more people and some of the younger seniors in Town. The commission wants to see more of that and expansion of activities for a broader range of citizens. Ms. Weinstein thanked Helen for the terrific job she has done for the commission.

Mr. Muller made a motion to reappoint Helen deKeijzer to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2012. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Nina Daniel to fill the vacancy (Ernie Albin) on the Commission on the Aging for a term to expire December 31,

2012. Nina said that she felt Helen has a vision and her recommendations to the selectmen are very well taken. She supports Helen's recommendations. She thinks there is a need to be creative in the services we offer to the seniors and those approaching retirement. One of the things that would be beneficial to all concerned would be a "Friends of the Senior Center". She feels that 50% of the people in Town would be near retirement or of retirement age. She would like to develop more programs that would deal with creativity in later life, financial planning for retirement, and there are many other possibilities.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint Nina Daniel to fill the vacancy (Ernie Albin) on the Commission on the Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2012. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a request from the Cemetery Committee for \$1,600.00 for the preparation of preliminary development plans, sketches and photo boards.

Richard Wolf said for \$1,600.00, Blair Hines will appear at one meeting in Town, develop an overall development plan for the Fromson Strassler property and with that, he will give us some sketches to illustrate what a green cemetery might look like. Handout sheets are not included in the cost.

Mr. Wolf said that the committee had also asked that he gets whatever is necessary to tape the presentation that Mr. Hines makes. Ms. Weinstein said that since this is a Town related meeting and she would be happy to absorb it in the cablevision budget.

Ms. Weinstein said to pay for Mr. Hines presentation, we have the leftover funds of approximately \$940 from the survey mailing and rest of the funds would come from the contractual service line item.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to approve the Cemetery Committee's request for \$1,600.00 to have Blair Hines Design Associates prepare preliminary development plans, sketches and photo boards. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Weinstein said that we need to have a contract from Blair Hines.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Roland Poirier to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Roland said that he likes the process of going through historical sites and how it affects the history of the town. The Commission wants to keep the flavor of the town the same.

Mr. Muller made a motion to reappoint Roland Poirier to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Request for property tax refunds

BMW Financial Services

\$3176.43

VW Credit	\$487.08
Mercedes Benz Financial	\$167.85
Stephen Delay	\$43.24
Honda Financial Services	<u>\$25.91</u>
Total	<u>\$3,900.51</u>

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$3,900. 51 as listed on the January 6, 2011, Board of Selectmen's meeting agenda. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Ongoing updates

Valley Forge Bridge- Tom Landry- The railings will be installed the third week in February weather permitting.

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- No new news

Ticker File, Discuss as updated

Reimbursement from State for school projects- Tom Landry

Ms. Kulikowski said that O&G have agreed to meet with her and go over the last outstanding change orders but they have yet to set a date.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting. None

Discussion/approval of the joint BoS, BoF and BoE's meeting minutes of November 1, 2010, the Board of Selectmen's meeting of November 18, 2010, December 2, 2010 and Executive Session minutes of November 18, 2010. Mr. Muller made a motion to approve the minutes of the joint Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education's meeting minutes of November 1, 2010, the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of November 18, 2010, December 2, 2010 and the Executive Session minutes of November 18, 2010 as presented. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:55pm Mr. Gilbert made a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session-Department Public Works negotiations update

ATTENDANCE: The meeting was convened at 7:56 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 inform Selectmen of the status of negotiations with the Highway Department collective bargaining unit. No votes were taken.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:06 pm, a motion (David Muller, Dan Gilbert second) to adjourn executive session and resume in open session passed unanimously.

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ADJOURN: At 8:07 pm, a motion to adjourn (Dan Gilbert, David Muller second) passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

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Administrative Assistant.
Approved 02/03/11