

Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting

March 15, 2010

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; 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. Gilbert joined the meeting by telephone.

Ms. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance- Evan Demby and Ben Wittenstein lead the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ben Wittenstein earned two gold medals at the Winter Special Olympics Games. One medal for the super glide and the other medal for the super glide two. Evan Demby won one bronze medal in the novice slalom and the other in the novice grand slalom. Ms. Weinstein also wanted to congratulate Alli Cohen for winning the silver medal in the super glide.

Accept the resignation of Carolyn Armbrust Mulcahey from Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately- Mr. Muller made a motion to accept the resignation of Carolyn Armbrust Mulcahey from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding setting the interest rate on Elderly Deferment Program.-Ms. Weinstein said the prime rate is currently at 3.25%. She felt a better way of calculating the interest rate on the deferment program might be to set a percent increase over the prime rate.

Mr. Muller said that he strongly endorses the concept of setting a prime plus a spread as the rate. He recommended that they set the rate at ½% over prime. Mr. Gilbert said he felt anything above prime was viable.

Mr. Muller made a motion to set the interest rate on the Elderly Deferment Program at the rate of prime plus 50 basis points or ½ % and for this calendar year it would be set at 3.75%. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding utilizing \$10,000 from the Parks and Recreation Enterprise Fund for repairs to the ball field at Bisceglie Scribner Park- Ms. Weinstein said the need for the repairs came up during their Capital Committee discussions. When they were looking through the projects, they had to pick and choose as to what they could fund, and Bisceglie field was cut from the budget. She said that when she and Mr. Landry were looking through the internal funds they noticed that the Parks & Recreation Enterprise Fund had a balance \$46,507 and they felt comfortable taking

\$10,000 out of that fund to make the necessary repairs to one of the fields at Bisceglie Scribner Park. Mr. Muller said that the sports organization that supports baseball has funded somewhere in the \$250,000 range in terms of infrastructure and contributions to the Town. Most recently they have constructed permanent dugouts at Bisceglie Scribner Park. Mr. Gilbert said he felt that maintenance of the fields was critical.

Mr. Muller made a motion to utilize \$10,000 from the Parks & Recreation Enterprise Fund for repairs to the ball field at Bisceglie Scribner Park. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Weinstein said that this has to go to the Board of Finance for approval as well.

Request for property tax refunds

James Hornung	\$4,582.49
John Pokorny	\$2,000.00
Jill Lane	\$396.16
Mercedes Benz Financial	\$846.32
Volkswagen Credit	\$362.10
DCFS Trust	\$347.65
Roger H. Kaye	<u>\$26.18</u>
Total	\$8,560.90

Mr. Muller made a motion to refund the property taxes in the amount of \$8,560.90. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Ongoing update

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- no new news

Fuel Cell- Gayle Weinstein- no new news

Booster Barn- Gayle Weinstein- Waiting for CL&P to put in the necessary electricity that they need to do so that we can move forward with the painting and the rest of the project. The DEP application has been received by the state and they have promised to review it this week.

Tickler file, discuss as updated

Reimbursement from State for school projects- Tom Landry- Mr. Landry said that Ms. Kulikowski did a list of all of the change orders approximately 160, 127 were signed and submitted. She and Ms. Sullivan looked at the email and feel that the 127 were done prior to the drop dead date of July 2008. They are not sure about the other 33 and the total of those was a little over \$900,000. That is potentially the amount that would be ineligible for reimbursement which was about 17%. He said a lot of those things would not be fully eligible anyway. They are still not quite sure what it is.

Lachat- Gayle Weinstein- Ms. Weinstein said she was approached this week by a committee that consisted of Woody Bliss, Amy Kalafa, and Carol Baldwin along with Dan Levinson from Westport. They wanted to know if the Town had any interest in utilizing Lachat as a working farm. They are going to meet at Lachat tomorrow so they can take a look at the farmhouse. She has passed that information, along with all the architects' information that we previously discussed, to the Nature Center Building Committee, who will be reviewing all of this. They will also be holding some public meetings to determine what the fate of Lachat should be.

At 7:50pm Mr. Muller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

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Administrative Assistant
Approved 4/01/10