

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

April 14, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance- Britta Lerner and Woody Bliss led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Britta Lerner to the Planning and Zoning Commission (to fill the vacancy David Allen) for a term to expire November 15, 2011. Ms. Lerner said she moved here 12 years ago. During a construction project at her home she learned everything she thought she would ever want to know about regulations but now she would like to know more. She learned from her experience that it is extremely important to have an intelligent and ethical P&Z Commission. She believes that we do have that in Weston. She has spoken to members of Planning and Zoning and has been looking at the new regulations. She attended the last two Planning and Zoning meetings.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint Britta Lerner to the Planning and Zoning Commission (to fill the vacancy David Allen) for a term to expire November 15, 2011. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Accept the resignation of Ruth Glazer and Allison Robbins from Weston's Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee effective immediately. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to accept the resignation of Ruth Glazer and Allison Robbins from Weston's Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee effectively immediately. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Muller said that he is concerned with the frequency of turnover on these commissions. Ms. Weinstein said she has spoken to them at length. What it comes down to, is they did not realize the commitment involved. Mr. Muller said as part of the approval process one of the questions he would like to ask is, are they willing to make a one year commitment. Ms. Weinstein said with a new commission like this, there are often growing pains.

Accept the resignation of Donald M. Kendall, Jr. from Weston's Sustainability Committee effective immediately. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to accept the resignation of Donald Kendall, Jr. from Weston's Sustainability Committee effective immediately. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding accepting a gift of a shed to be located at Bisceglie Park from Weston Little League. Joe Cina from Weston Little League said the cost of the shed was approximately \$5,000. It will be built off site and dropped on the location. They have the okay from Fred Anderson from Conservation and Rack Gleason the Building Inspector. It will primarily be used for field maintenance, supplies and equipment. Eric Albert chair on Parks and Recreation said his commission unanimously approved the shed.

Mr. Muller made a motion to accept the gift of a shed to be located at Bisceglie Park from Weston’s Little League with the condition that Weston Little League will be responsible for all the costs incurred, both future and present. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Jillian Kleban and Jenna Klaassen as Student Commissioner on the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Jenna Klaassen could not attend the meeting and will attend our next meeting.

Jillian is a sophomore at Weston High School and feels that she has a lot to say regarding Youth Services and would like to share her thoughts. She is a swimmer and is a lifeguard at the Field Club in the summer.

Mr. Muller made a motion to appoint Jillian Kleban as a Student Commissioner on the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding authorizing the First Selectman to execute the Personal Services Agreement for the Revson Field Drainage STEAP Grant 2011-03.

Mr. Landry said they changed the agreement that the board had originally approved in February 2011. Pat Sullivan Town Attorney did look at it and said that it was fine.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute the Personal Services Agreement for the Revson Field Drainage STEAP Grant 2011-03. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Request for property tax refunds:

Rodney Jones	\$5,522.40
Ally Financial	\$2,060.17
Ally Bank	\$384.58
Barbara Creagh	<u>\$162.20</u>
Total	\$8,129.35

Mr. Muller made a motion to approve property tax refunds in the amount of \$8,129.35 as listed on the April 14, 2011 agenda. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Ongoing updates

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- No new news.

Ms. Weinstein said that she was in Hartford today, and we are in a holding pattern, because we are not quite sure if the Governor's budget as recommended will pass. The Governor has proposed to level fund all municipalities, which would be great for us. There is a "dooms day plan B" proposal which would be a loss of \$414,000 to Weston from State funds.

Ticker File, Discuss as updated

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

Discussion/approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing of March 31, 2011 and the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting of March 31, 2011. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of March 31, 2011 and the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting of March 31, 2011. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Weinstein made a motion to add an item to the agenda, any other business to come properly before the meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously. There were none.

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

Executive Session-Personnel Policy update

Highway Union Contract Negotiation

ATTENDANCE: The meeting was convened at 8:01 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. Mr. Landry described the terms of the tentative agreement he has negotiated with them, and told them that the unit members had approved the agreement by a 9-2 vote yesterday. He also reviewed proposed revisions to the Town's 1997 Personnel Policy Handbook. No votes were taken.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:35 pm, a motion (David Muller, Dan Gilbert second) to adjourn executive session and resume in open session passed unanimously.

DPW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: The Board voted unanimously to approve a motion (David Muller , Dan Gilbert second) to accept the presented labor contract between the Town of Weston and the Weston Highway Employees Union Local 1303-41 of Ct Council 4 AFSCME AFL-CIO for the period July 1, 2010- June 30, 2013.

ADJOURN: At 8:37 pm, a motion to adjourn (Dan Gilbert, David Muller second) passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant
Approved 05/05/11