

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
July 2, 2014

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman Dennis Tracey; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito; Department heads; residents

Selectman David Muller was not in attendance

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. Copies are available in the Selectmen's office. The meetings are available for viewing online via the Town's website.

Ms. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance- Ms. Weinstein led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Mike Smith and Ed Parker to the Lachat Town Farm Commission- Ms. Weinstein said she met Mike and Ed at the Lachat Commission meeting and she wanted to support both of them.

Mike Smith- Mike said that he's married to Phoebe Cole Smith and their property on Newtown Turnpike has been converted into a farm. His career was managing teams in the National Hockey League. He went to graduate school and has PHD in Russian studies and a big part of his research was in Russian peasantry. He is very intrigued with historical farming traditions of different countries.

Ed Parker- Ed is an architect. Ms. Weinstein said that his background will be critical as they move forward with the structures that are on the property and she really appreciated his comments and suggestions at the Lachat Commission meeting last night.

Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Mike Smith and Ed Parker to the Lachat Town Farm Commission for a term to expire May 15, 2017. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding acceptance of a gift from Michelle Fracasso and Jonathan Spitzer- Ms. Weinstein said that Michelle was instrumental in getting the community garden up and running. She is a farmer herself and owns Wells Hill Farm and she would like to donate some goods that they used for the community build.

Mr. Tracey moved to accept a gift from Michelle Fracasso and Jonathan Spitzer for Goods and Services for the Lachat Town Farm at the Juliana Lachat Preserve totaling \$9,673.30. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding an approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Senior Center between the Board of Education and the Town of Weston. Mr. Tracey said he had a few tweaks to the MOU. Page 2 eliminate the "or his/her designee". In fifth bullet point the word should be "may" not "my".

Mr. Tracey moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the Senior Center between the Board of Education and the Town of Weston as amended. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried

Discussion/decision regarding approving a resolution of municipal legislative body authorizing the First Selectman to execute a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to complete the replacement of the turf field located at the Weston Schools Campus, STEAP 2014-10- Ms. Weinstein said that this is a resolution authorizing us to accept the STEAP grant.

Mr. Tracey moved to approve a resolution of Municipal Legislative Body authorizing the First Selectman to execute a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to complete the replacement of the turf field located at the Weston Schools Campus, STEAP 2014-10. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Open Item

First Selectman's update-

Ms. Weinstein thanked Mr. Landry for working on a bridge grant that we have received for the Godfrey Road Bridge. We applied for \$330,000 and we don't know what we are getting yet. We opened bids last week and the low bid with an alternate that we will do is about \$560,000. There are additional engineering oversight test which could cost about \$100,000. The bridge repair account has about \$800,000 so whatever is left in the account will stay there for another bridge project.

There was a COG sub-committee meeting today. Norwalk is in the works. They are the last municipality in the South West Region to approve their ordinance change to a COG. Four out of the ten Towns in the Housatonic Valley have also started their process. Once those four towns go the other six are behind them.

By-Laws were voted on by the committee and she will get a copy to Mr. Tracey once it is cleaned up. What is going to happen with the MPO is still up in the air. Stamford is still saying that they will veto any changes.

They are hoping to move forward with the Senior Center towards the end of July beginning of August. Where it stands right now is we are hoping that the architect will come back with the bid specs and what we have to do with basic cost estimates by July 10th. Once we have that then we will either put it out to bid or ask for request for proposals and hopefully start that work around August 1st.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting- None

At 7:46pm Mr. Tracey made a motion to enter into executive session. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Executive Session- Employee Contract-

Respectfully submitted

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Administrative Assistant
Approved 8/7/14