

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; Selectman Dennis Tracey absent; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito; Chief John Troxell; Sgt. Michael Ferullo; Brian Humes; Beth Gralnick; Residents.

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-

Discussion/decision regarding the space needs assessment for the police department-

Brian Humes- Brian Humes said that they have been under assignment to review the space needs of the Police Department and carry the space needs forward into site evaluation, schematic design and a cost estimate. In the contract, it was written that we needed approvals to move forward beyond the space needs assessment. He thanked everyone for the input.

In addition to space needs they looked at population statistics, crime statistics, staffing levels in the past and projected staffing into the future. They also looked at number and type of vehicles because they need to accommodate on the site, as well.

They are looking at the population to remain constant over the next 25 years. While the population looks to be static they are anticipating that there could be some increased crime statistics. They anticipate some modest growth potential within the department and for the purposes of the space needs assessment they are trying to anticipate a building to accommodate up to 18 sworn officers so if or when that occurs the building can accommodate it.

The square footage estimates are his. The description of the spaces are a compilations of information gathered through the department or other sources. He feels confident that it is accurate assessment of need at this stage and wants to go forward into a site evaluation and a schematic design. A copy of the space needs assessment is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Hume said the next phase of the contract is site evaluation. They were told that the site to be evaluated is the Town Hall site. They have not yet looked at this site to see how this space needs assessment applies to the present campus. We have to evaluate a facility that is open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. He would anticipate that they will come back to the Police Department and Selectmen with a couple options but he doesn't have that answer yet. Once the Town looks at their options on the site then they would direct them to do a schematic design floor plan for the option that they prefer.

Ms. Weinstein said they are looking for approval to move forward with the site plan as well as the schematic and not to have to come back in that in-between stage. Mr. Muller said he will acknowledge that is the next best step to take.

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Allen Swerlowe said that renovation is the most difficult to do and also the most expensive. A new building can be much less costly and the police department can stay where they while the new building is being built so you don't have relocation costs two times. He ask that everyone consider for the reason of costs, expediency and other reasons that we measure renovation versus a new building. Mr. Humes said he is prepared to do it in stages and not go into schematic design until everyone knows the concept that we are looking to go forward with.

Ms. Weinstein asked Mr. Muller if he was comfortable with the square footage as proposed. He said having lived through the discussions he has no reason to argue with anything that's left as a component of maintaining this proposal. Ms. Weinstein said it was a good study and a good collaborate effort by all involved.

Discussion/ decision regarding supplemental operating budget request for the purpose of overtime expense (\$56,000) – Police Commission. Sgt. Michael Ferullo said the current overtime deficit is roughly \$59,000. They are looking at a total cost of close to \$83,000. In the budge from zeroing out line items, they can reduce it by \$10,000. He was deployed from July and did not come back to work until September so approximately 20% of his total year wages come out to \$17,000, so that can be used to offset the additional overtime expense. For hurricane Sandy while they did receive 75% reimbursement from FEMA they still did not receive \$18,000 and that is police department specific.

Regarding the Sandy Hook elementary school response, the associated cost was \$15,000 for the week following December 14th. They did not hear back from OPM as to whether or not a federal grant will be forthcoming to reimburse those costs. There was an officer who was out for line of duty on his midnight shift which totaled \$14,000. CIRMA turned it down as a worker comp claim but it's still not resolved so they may or may not get reimbursed for some of that money. They receive reimbursements from ICAC regarding overtime cost for investigations. That money does not come until September frame but last year they received \$7,500 so that gives you a total cost of \$54,542. 21. If you take away the extraordinary incidents, their overtime budget would have been over by only \$1,457.79 for the fiscal year.

Mr. Muller moved to approve a supplemental request of \$56,000 for overtime expenses for the police department for FY2012-2013. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Michael Ferullo as the Emergency Management Director for a term to expire July 1, 2015. Ms. Weinstein thanked Sgt. Ferullo for all of the hard work that he had done not only with the storms but for all of the grants and the time that he spent behind the scenes that no one really sees. Chief Troxell also thanked Mike for all that he does for the Police Department.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Michael Ferullo as the Emergency Management Director for a term to expire July 1, 2015. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding a supplemental appropriation to install fencing around the wetlands mitigation area. Dan Clarke said that they want to put a fence around the perimeter of the wetlands project so that they can keep people out because there are wet areas which can be considered dangerous.

They went to bid and had three local vendors walk the property and received proposals from two. The lowest bid for the different options was from Connecticut Fence. They have done some projects on the school campus over the years. Dan went through the different options.

Mr. Muller moved to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,154 to install fencing around the wetlands mitigation area. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding a request from Homes with Hope, Inc. for \$14,853 for FY 2013-2014. Jeff Weiser said they are asking for the same amount that they have requested since 2008. They have received financial contributions from 68 Weston families during 2012. Families, churches and clubs donated over \$26,000 last year. Every month Norfield Church, Emanuel Church and Weston Kiwanis's are amount others who serve lunches and dinners at the Gillespie Center. The Community Kitchen is greatly supported by regular donations from Weston's Peter's Market.

They recognized Peg Taylor the Weston Middle School Teacher who retired. For the past 23 years she has brought three classes every semester to the Community Kitchen to serve lunch.

This year the numbers at the Gillespie Center is way down. They had only one man and one woman in the shelter from Weston for 2012. These two people have found permanent homes and Mr. Weiser said that he thinks that they are doing a better job in getting them into a permanent situation which is a goal for them.

Mr. Muller moved to approve a request in the amount of \$14,853 for Homes with Hope to be taken from FY 2013-2014 Community Grants line item. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Allen Swerdlowe and Jack Davidoff to the Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Muller said that this committee is a really good example of people bringing their professional skills, cost free to the Town, and it's much appreciated.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Allen Swerdlowe and Jack Davidoff to the Building Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2015. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Christopher David Horning Spaulding to fill the vacancy (Tara Tanzer) on the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Christopher said his background is in research academic psychology. When he heard that there was an opening on the commission, and he read the last two years of their minutes he felt he can add some value. He is excited about being on the Commission.

Mr. Muller moved to appoint Christopher David Horning Spaulding to fill the vacancy on the Children and Youth Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Hillary Koyner to fill the vacancy (Susan Seath) on the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to expire November 12, 2013. Hillary said that she has been an alternate on the Board since March 2012 and has served for two appeal procedures. She has enjoyed it and learned a tremendous amount. Since she was originally appointed as an alternate she has gotten her real estate license so she is continuing professionally in this field.

Mr. Muller moved to appoint Hillary Koyner to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to expire November 12, 2013. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Rick Darling as the Treasurer for a term to expire June 30, 2015. Ms. Weinstein said that Rick has done an outstanding job. He has kept his eye open for alternative investments that are still within the parameters of what we as a municipality are allowed to invest in. Board of Finance is happy with the work that he is doing.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Rick Darling as Weston's Treasurer for a term to expire June 30, 2015. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion/decision regarding purchase of pavers at the first State Memorial to honor Connecticut Veterans. Ms. Weinstein said the State is developing its first memorial to honor Connecticut Veterans. With the new State Park and Memorial that they are putting together they are giving individuals and municipalities the opportunity to purchase pavers.

Mr. Muller moved to approve the purchase of a paver for the "Connecticut State Veterans Memorial (CSVM)" at the cost of \$150. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Open Items

Updates

First Selectman updates- She had given the Selectmen a list of all the legislative changes that took place this year.

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We are looking for some additional grant opportunities for the Lachat property and for other properties around Town that are opening up from the Connecticut Historic Preservation Trust.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting-None

Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2013 Special Board of Selectmen's meeting and June 20, 2013 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Muller moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2013 Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

At 8:50pm Mr. Muller moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

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Approved 9/03/13