

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

September 2, 2010

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-Father Dunn led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion/decision regarding Technology lease agreement approval request from the Board of Education-The Board of Education went to bid this summer for the Technology lease. The rate differential is about 200 basis points between an operating lease, which is what they normally enter into, and a tax exempt lease. The rate they received is 2.33%.

The Board of Education cannot sign the tax documentation for the lease, since it is reflected as debt for the Town on the financial statements. The Town will have to sign the tax documents. The Board of Education will execute the lease under their name and they will pay all the payments out of their operating budget. The Town will not be held responsible for any payments. The savings is about \$20,000 over the life of the lease. The total cost over the life of the four year lease is \$625,000.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign a Resolution of Authorization, for a Lease Purchase Agreement for Information Technology Equipment dated September 2, 2010. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Discussion/decision regarding authorization to approve a contract with Kaestle-Boos for design work related to the school doors and windows replacement project.- This item is off the agenda until it is looked at by Town Attorney.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Father Michael Dunn of St. Francis Church as the Weston Police Chaplin for a term to expire June 30, 2012.- Father Dunn grew up in Danbury. He graduated from Sacred Heart University, then attended seminary school and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1994. He has always worked closely with the police department in the Towns that he was in and feels they parallel each other in trying to serve others and our Town.

Mr. Muller made a motion to appoint Father Michael Dunn of St. Francis Church as the Weston Police Chaplin for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Steve Russo as the Fire Departments Medical Insurance Compliance Officer.-Ms. Weinstein explained that according to the Revisions to the Tax Abatement Ordinance for the Weston Volunteer Fire Department Medical Insurance Plan dated December 20, 2001, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Medical Insurance Compliance Officer and shall notify the Fire Department of such appointment.

Mr. Russo has lived in Town for 25 years and has been involved with many community activities. He has been a member of the Volunteer Fire Department for several years. He was asked to help out by performing this function. The duties are reviewing the monthly and weekly sign up sheets for the various drills, reviewing the State Certifications, and determining who is eligible to participate in the Town's Medical Insurance Plan and in what category. He will also prepare a report that is to be submitted to the Town before July 1, of each year.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint Steve Russo as the Fire Department's Medical Insurance Compliance Officer in accordance with the Tax Abatement Ordinance relating to the Weston Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Mike Falbo to SW CT EMS Council for a term to expire December 31, 2011.- This item was skipped since Mr. Falbo was unable to attend.

Accept the resignation of Marilyn Parker from the Library Board effective immediately.- Mr. Muller made a motion to accept the resignation of Marilyn Parker from the Library Board effective immediately. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Ellen G. Mason to fill the vacancy (Marilyn Parker) on the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2013. – Ellen has lived in Weston for 27 years and has been on the Board of the Young Women's Club, the Conservation Commission and participated in other activities for the Town. She's had a career business in Finance and Management and now has a second career in education, teaching 1st grade. At the school she works in, they have a very close relationship with their library. She feels her dual background will be helpful to get the Library through the next phase.

Mr. Muller made a motion to appoint Ellen Mason to fill the vacancy on the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Lou Dempsey to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012.- Lou has been a resident for 8 years with his wife and two children. He was in the asset management industry for 22 years and quit about two years ago to be a stay at home dad. He is going back to

school to get his masters in Environmental Policy and Management. He would like help the committee out any way he can. He is specifically interested in energy and alternative energy.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint Lou Dempsey to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding forming a bicycle/pedestrian committee.- In the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, the Planning and Zoning Commission had asked the Board of Selectmen to form a committee to explore this issue. Ms. Weinstein and Ray Rauth wrote a mission statement which is attached to the minutes.

Ms. Weinstein spoke with Sue Prosi from SWRPA and let her know that we were forming the committee. She is looking forward to working with Mr. Rauth, and offered to assist with writing grants. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the committee would be made up of seven members.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to form Weston's Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee. This committee will have seven members and be charged with the mission statement as discussed. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding bulky waste ordinance- Mr. Muller said that Weston could join a growing number of towns in Connecticut and across the country that begin to look at the concept of how can you control litter and waste. He proposed that we draft and approve an ordinance to prohibit the distribution of bulky material on private property.

The two concerns that this would address are home safety and litter. Bulky items which are frequently left lying along road side serve as a "not at home" announcement to burglars. One of the objectives of the proposed ordinance is to prevent crime on residential property.

The second concern is litter. Bulky materials contribute to roadside litter and pollution. The proposal would need to require a label with opt out language such as a phone number or website for the residence to let the distributor know that they do not want the material. Mr. Muller feels that this could be a good step for control of aesthetics of properties.

Ms. Weinstein wants to add something to the ordinance that has to do with general litter. We do not have an ordinance to prevent people from putting business cards, fliers etc on the side of the mailbox which end up blowing off and causing litter. Ms. Weinstein will ask Town Attorney Pat Sullivan to draft an ordinance so that the Board could move forward with it.

Request for property tax refunds

Charles Ameer	\$6,757.15
BMW Financial Services	\$2,286.95

Joseph Kaddis	\$628.70
Nissan North American	\$406.31
Marianne Liberatore	\$317.74
Chrysler Financial Services	\$288.88
Fifth Third Bank	\$214.69
Toyota Financial Services	\$152.28
Mercedes Benz	\$94.48
Bradley D. Troup	\$87.47
George Beltz	\$81.79
Estate of Sheila O'Connell	\$46.69
Noel Velasco	\$38.13
Thomas Gay	\$35.59
Algis J Nakas	\$31.35
Joyce Bennett	\$31.04
Honda Lease Trust	\$29.16
George L. Goetz	\$19.61
Robin McGarry	\$19.45
Total	<u>\$11,567.46</u>

Mr. Muller made a motion to refund property tax refunds in the amount of \$11,567.46 as listed on the September 2, 2010 agenda. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

1. Open Items

Ongoing update

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- No new news on grants

Booster Barn- We are waiting for results from a water test required by the Health District.

Tickler file, discuss as updated

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

Discussion/decision regarding changing the date of September 16th Board of Selectmen's meeting- Mr. Gilbert made a motion to change the date of the September 16, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting to September 15, 2010. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Any other business to come properly before the meeting- Mr. Gilbert made a motion to add the consideration of a resolution regarding the salary increases for the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and the Director of Finance and Operations to the agenda. There was no second, the motion failed.

Discussion/approval of the minutes of the August 5, 2010, Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Muller made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2010 Board of Selectmen's minutes. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session- Contract Negotiations

At 8:25pm Mr. Gilbert made a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ATTENDANCE: The meeting was convened at 8:28 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 provide a general update to Board members on the status of labor negotiations with the Town Hall, Dispatch, and Highway units, and to specifically review a tentatively reached agreement with the Town Hall unit regarding salaries for fiscal years 2010-11 and 2011-12. No votes were taken.

ADJOURN: At 8:55 pm, a motion (Mr. Muller, Mr. Gilbert second) to adjourn executive session and resume in open session passed unanimously.

A motion was made (Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Muller second) to add discussion/ decision regarding a tentative agreement between the Town of Weston and AFSCME LOCAL 866 (Town Hall Unit). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion (Mr. Muller, Mr. Gilbert second) to accept a Tentative Agreement between the Town of Weston and AFSCME Local 866, as signed by the negotiating parties and dated August 11, 2010 passed by unanimous vote. The agreement establishes pay levels for Unit members for the specified two year period.

ADJOURN: At 8:58 pm, a motion to adjourn the meeting (Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Muller second) passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant
Approved 9/15/10