

Board of Selectmen's Meeting

October 7, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance- Brian McMahon led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation of the Weston Sports Person of the Year award to Brian McMahon-Michael Carter- Michael Carter presented Brian McMahon with the Weston Sports Person of the Year award. Mr. McMahon has been the president of two sports and has been on the Board of Directors of three sports. He revamped the soccer program which grew from about 20 kids to 100 kids. He was president of the Boosters and the catalyst for the Booster Barn and bleachers. Mr. Carter thanked Mr. McMahon and said that he has brought a wealth of enthusiasm to the award this year.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Susan A. Moore to the Ivy Moore Cottage Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2011- Ms. Moore said that Iva Moore was her aunt and for sentimental reasons, she would like to participate on this committee. Ms. Weinstein said that the person living in the house is not a relative of Ms. Moore. Mr. Gilbert made a motion to appoint Susan A. Moore to the Ivy Moore Cottage Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2011. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Phoebe Cole-Smith to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012.- Ms. Cole-Smith has been a resident of Weston since 1993. She is a private chef who uses local food as much as possible. Her passion is local and sustainable food and agriculture. She wants to educate the citizens of Weston to do more than they already do. Mr. Muller made a motion to appoint Phoebe Cole-Smith to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the cemetery survey- Richard Wolf chairman of the Cemetery Committee said from the survey there were 138 families that appear to be interested in a Town cemetery. They met with Carole Helms Reichhelm from Willowbrook Cemetery and presented to her the data on the interested families and she reworked her financial figures and still thought that they had a viable operation.

Pam Bochinski said the responses were favorable enough, in Carole's view, to sustain the cemetery on the projections that they had made so that it would not cost the Town anything after the first five years, based on the assumptions that they made. They would want to make sure Weston residents and prior residents get priority for cemetery plots.

Ms. Weinstein asked if a Town owns a cemetery, did we have to make sure it is run on a non-profit basis. Ms. Bochinski said that it has to be financially sustained. The profit made from sale of the sites would first go to the repay the Town and then for the ongoing maintenance costs.

Ms. Weinstein felt the next step would be to ask for an 8-24 report from Planning and Zoning. We would need that before we called for a Town meeting. Ms. Weinstein asked the committee exactly how much money they were looking for, \$260,000 or \$501,000 since the two amounts were on the spreadsheet which had been presented for their review. Mr. Wolf said right now they are looking for \$2,000 to have the landscape architect prepare some visual material.

Ms. Weinstein felt that enough people expressed interest in moving the project forward but is concerned whether the majority of the Town will support this project for the approximately 500 people who want to be buried in Weston. Rather than spend the money on marketing, she feels it makes more sense to spend the money on whatever surveys are needed to bring it to Planning and Zoning. Ms. Weinstein will speak to Stephan Grozinger, Chairman of Planning and Zoning to see what we need for an 8-24 report and the costs associated with doing an A-2 survey. When we get an answer she will bring it back to the Selectmen and they can make a decision from there.

Ms. Weinstein asked the Cemetery Committee to have several public information sessions between the 8-24 report and whatever Town vote we take. They need the committee to figure out whether this would be self liquidating, what would be the start up costs and what would be the time frame to get the money back.

Mr. Gilbert felt that the next step, before we spend money on an A-2 survey is to get a small team here and give the Town a chance to come and take a look at their vision and come away with a very real sense for what it is going to look like and what it is going to cost. Ms. Weinstein asked that the committee ask Carole what the worst case, base case, best case scenario would be to try and get Mr. Gilbert the figures that he is looking for.

Discussion/decision regarding the Fuel Cell- Don Gary- This item was tabled to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Discussion/decision regarding authorization to approve a contract with Kaestle-Boos for design work related to the school doors and windows replacement project. Dan Clarke said they are looking for the Selectmen's approval so they can contract with Kaestle Boos for the design for the replacement of the Middle School windows and doors and the design for the replacement of the High School windows and doors. The Middle School concrete needs to be renovated to accept the new doors. They are looking to add some additional new windows at the High School. The building committee is pleased with the proposal and the scope of work.

Ms. Weinstein said we do not have the actual contract yet. Kaestle Boos will put the aspects of the Kaestle Boos proposal into the architectural contract.

Mr. Gilbert asked if it was competitively bid. Dan Clarke said it was not because the building committee felt satisfied with the knowledge that Kaestle Boos gained through their intensive study that they did in 2006- 2007 that allowed them the price that they proposed for the design. Mr. Muller said he thought there is a mitigating factor here, since the contract for the initial work done was with Kaestle Boos, that there was an expectation of ancillary benefits and this is one of them. The actual work will be competitively bid.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute a contract, subject to the approval of the Town Attorney, for the design work related to the replacement of windows and doors in the Middle School and High School and for Design Services for the replacement of concrete pads in the Middle School based on the attached proposals. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a resolution approving the First Supplemental Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Weston for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance required in Conjunction with the replacement of the Valley Forge Bridge over the Saugatuck River Utilizing Federal Funds. Mr. Landry said we signed a contract with the State for a grant for the Valley Forge Road Bridge. The agreement was based on the engineers estimated cost of the project. The actual awarded cost was more so the State said they need an amended agreement with the Town which reflects the higher cost.

Mr. Muller made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute the First Supplemental Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Weston for the Construction, Inspection and Maintenance required in conjunction with the replacement of the Valley Forge Road Bridge (Bridge No. 04962) over the Saugatuck River utilizing Federal Funds regarding state project #157-81. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Request for property tax refunds

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| August Lenhart | \$3,103.53 |
| Mercedes Benz Financial | \$1,299.04 |
| Toyota Motor Credit | \$1,045.88 |
| Volkswagen Credit | \$380.81 |
| Agieszka Drabczynska | \$227.63 |
| Chase Auto Finance | \$198.23 |
| Gregory J. Castronuovo | \$119.05 |
| Fifth Thord Auto Lease | \$214.69 |
| Chrysler Financial Services | <u>\$27.39</u> |
| Total | \$6,616.25 |

Mr. Muller made a motion to approve property tax refunds in the amount of \$6,616.25 as listed on the October 7, 2010 agenda. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Ongoing updates

Grants- Gayle Weinstein- We received the STEAP grant for the repair of Revson Field. We will have to provide 50% matching funds for the project and that will be a maximum cost to Town of 86,000. We are waiting for additional paperwork and then Park & Recreation, the Facilities Committee for the Schools and Weston Baseball Association will ask the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance for a supplemental appropriation.

We did not get the COPS police department grant which would pay for an officer's salary and benefits for three years.

Tickler File, Discuss as updated

Reimbursement from State for school projects- Tom Landry

We have just under a million in change orders of which $\frac{3}{4}$ of it is two companies. He will have more of update for the next Selectmen's meeting.

Discussion/approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2010, Board of Selectmen's meeting- Mr. Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2010 Board of Selectmen's meeting as presented. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other business to come properly before the meeting-

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to discuss the DEP fine for storm water violations for the period 2004 to 2007. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gilbert asked if we paid the fine. Ms. Weinstein said that we did not because we are in the process of figuring out what the project is. We got the fine reduced from approximately \$14,000 down to approximately \$9,000. She was happy that they could put the "fine" dollars into a real project that would benefit the communities rather than it going to the State's general fund.

At 8:45pm Mr. Muller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant
Approved 10/21/10