

## **Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

**December 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

### **Executive Session- Lachat contract negotiations with the Nature Conservancy**

At 7:31 Mr. Gilbert made a motion to enter into executive session. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decisions regarding recommendations on the Lachat property- Dennis Tracey-** Ms. Weinstein said that after their executive session with members of the Lachat committee they are not ready to have a discussion in public session since they are still working on contractual issues. They are hoping to bring this to the public soon.

### **Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Don Kendall to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2012.**

Mr. Kendall said he and his family moved to Weston about two years ago. He is a serial entrepreneur and started four companies, some have been successful and some have not. He has three kids in the school system and has been looking for ways to get involved in the community. He has been working with the Weston Education Foundation to support teacher development and met Dierdre Doran who is chairman on the Weston Sustainability Committee. The committee sounded like a great way to support the Town.

Mr. Muller made a motion to appoint Don Kendall to the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2012. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously

### **Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Linda Roig on Building Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2015**

Ms. Roig is a life long resident of Weston and worked in the Assessors office and was the Tax Assessor for many years. She also worked in the building department and is currently a real estate broker.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to reappoint Linda Roig on the Building Board of Appeals for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Mark Harper as the Animal Control Officer for a term to expire December 31, 2011**

Mr. Muller made a motion to reappoint Mark Harper as the Animal Control Officer for a term to expire December 31, 2011. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Dawn Egan on the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2013.**

Ms. Egan has been on the Commission for Children and Youth for approximately 9 years. She loves the commission and works closely with Charlene Monn and Ellen Weyrauch on after school programs.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to reappoint Dawn Egan to the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Ellen Weyrauch to the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2013.**

Ms. Weyrauch said this will be the beginning of her third term on the commission. She has been a Weston resident for sixteen years and has one child in college and a sophomore in High School. Her daughter is currently a student commissioner and her son also previously served as a student commissioner.

Mr. Muller a motion to reappoint Ellen Weyrauch to the Commission for Children and Youth for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Neil Coleman to the Westport/Weston Health District for a term to expire December 31, 2013.**

Mr. Coleman has a graduate degree in organization behavior. The Health District has had to reduce their staff by 25% and they still provide the same level of services that they provided before. People are now in their second year of no salary increases so the committee has had to work hard to keep them motivated.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to reappoint Neil Coleman to the Westport/Weston Health District for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Roland Poirier on the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015.** Mr. Poirier could not attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

**Discussion/decision regarding Town operating budget year end transfers for FY2009-10. – Rick Darling.** Mr. Darling said this is a process that they go through every year where they clean up all of the line item accounts in the operating budget by making transfers from accounts with available balances to line item accounts that have deficits. This year we ended up with a surplus of \$246,185.89 that will go back into the general fund. This is after accounting for supplemental appropriations and any other adjustments

made during the year. The transfers have been presented to and approved by the Board of Finance.

**Discussion/decision regarding funds for the Cemetery Committee.- Richard Wolf; Pamela Bochinski and Stewart Pearl.** Ms. Weinstein said that the last time they met with the Cemetery Committee there was question as to whether or not the Board of Selectmen were going to give the committee funds for the education of the community regarding the potential cemetery plans.

Mr. Wolf said that they have been in touch with Blair Himes who is a landscape architect and works with Willowbrook cemetery. They asked him how much he would charge to attend one meeting in the evening and put together some material so we could educate interested residents in what they are proposing to do. He said that he would do it for \$1,000 but it is not a formal proposal. Mr. Wolf said for the money Mr. Himes would probably put together some presentation board and generic material on what a natural cemetery would look like. He would also be prepared to discuss cemetery management and cemetery design.

Ms. Weinstein said that she would like to see a proposal of what he is proposing to do for the funds. We initially approved \$2,500 for the mailing and \$1,559.78 was spent. There is a balance left of that appropriation of \$940.22. Mr. Gilbert said that an information session is the right thing to do and the committee should give Mr. Himes their ideas. Mr. Muller said that he would be comfortable appropriating some amount of money, perhaps up to \$2500, because he views it as integral to the process.

Mr. Wolf said that the committee will present to the Board of Selectmen a level of services as far as presentation material. If they have more money they can get some preliminary designs which will allow more discussion.

### **Open Items**

#### **Ongoing updates**

**Valley Forge Bridge- Tom Landry-** They will hydro seed tomorrow and the guard rails will here middle to late January.

**Grants- Gayle Weinstein-** No new news

#### **Ticker File, Discuss as updated**

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

**Any other business to come properly before the meeting-**None

**Discussion/approval of the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of November 4, 2010.** Mr. Muller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting dated November 4, 2010 as amended. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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At 8:50pm Mr. Muller made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gilbert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

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Administrative Assistant  
Approved 01/06/11