

Board of Selectmen
December 14, 2011

**December 14, 2011
Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting**

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; Selectman Dennis Tracey; Town Administrator Tom Landry; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito

This meeting was recorded and videotaped. Copies are available in the Selectmen's office.

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

Pledge of Allegiance-

Discussion/decision regarding accepting Grey Fox Lane as a Town road- John Conte. Mr. Conte said when he received the application to have the road accepted as a Town road, he did an inspection and found that there were cracks in the pavement section and some broken curbing. The homeowners were told what repairs needed to be done and that work was completed. Mr. Conte said the roadway system now meets all of our standards as far as curbing, paving, and drainage. Mr. Conte said the only item that was missing was that monuments needed to be placed. All the other work has been done and done properly. The surveyor did come in to speak with Mr. Conte and they will be putting in the monuments shortly after the holidays.

Mr. Muller asked if there are situations where all the requirements are met and the road is not accepted. He asked if road acceptance was automatic if they met all the approvals. Ms. Weinstein said the Board of Selectman does have the final decision as to whether to approve or not approve.

Mr. Major spoke on behalf of the residents who live on the road. He explained that when a sub-division is submitted to P&Z, there are different standards in the way in which a road can be constructed. This sub-division was approved specifically with this road designed as a Town road. Through the Planning and Zoning process, it is deemed whether the road is ultimately going to be a Town road or remain a private road. This was deemed through that process that it should be a Town road. In theory, the Selectmen have the right not to accept the road, but generally speaking, when the road is built according to the standards, after Planning and Zoning approval, he doesn't know that the Selectmen have ever not approved it.

Mr. Tracey asked what the consequences were of the conversion. Ms. Weinstein said we would be responsible for the maintenance of the road and the plowing of the road. Mr. Major said the flip to it is you wouldn't want people not to be building Town roads. You get the benefit as well as the responsibilities associated with it. Mr. Conte added that that we are responsible for the safety of the road.

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Mr. Muller asked what the mechanism is for the public works department to know that this is now a Town Road. Mr. Conte said that his office notifies public works once the Board of Selectmen accepts a road as a Town road.

Ms. Weinstein said she was amenable to accepting the road as a Town road provided we receive verification of the monuments. Mr. Major said he would get her the appropriate letter from the engineer once the monuments have been installed. She asked that the deeds not get recorded until everything is done.

Mr. Tracey moved to accept Grey Fox Lane as a Town road subject to verification by a licensed land surveyor that the monuments have been placed on the right of way locations. Verification will be provided by January 5, 2012, the date of the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Muller second and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a request from the Commission on Aging to withdraw funds from the Morehouse Elderly Fund for the purchase of furniture for the Senior Center. Helen de Keijzer said that Wendy Petty and Pam Wilson along with the Commission have been working hard to refurbish and reorganize the Senior Center. They are taking out a number of things that are very tired and replacing it with things that are appropriate for seniors. The plans are not specific yet so they are asking to withdraw up to \$6,500 from the Morehouse Fund so they would not have to come back to the Board with another request.

Mr. Tracey asked how this is funded. Ms. Weinstein said it was a separate fund that was established through a trust. It is there for a designated purpose and expenditures are made with recommendation from the Commission on Aging and the concurrence of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Muller moved to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$6,500 from the Morehouse Elderly Assistance Fund for the purchase of furniture and other items for the Senior Center renovation. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the formation of a Legal Review Committee

Ms. Weinstein said she wanted to start the process of forming the committee. She thinks it is a good time to look at some of the suggestions that the prior Legal Review Committee headed by Dennis Tracey had suggested. Some of the suggestions were followed and some have not. Ms. Weinstein said that before we started the process, she wanted to make sure that the other Selectmen were on board with the concept before moving forward.

Mr. Tracey said he was fully in support of it. One of the recommendations when they issued their report in late 2008 was to revisit the whole issue of the effectiveness and efficiency and cost of legal counsel on a regular basis. He thought the report said every four years which is coming up soon. He thinks it is appropriate to readdress it at this time and a Legal Review Committee is a terrific way to do it.

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Ms. Weinstein said that she hoping at out next meeting to have a mission statement in place as well as how many people we feel should be on the committee.

Discussion/decision regarding the proposed changes submitted by the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Amended Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Weston and the Nature Conservancy, the mutual leases and the Amended and Restated Conservation Restriction Agreement regarding the Lachat property.

Ms. Weinstein said that there were some significant changes made by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A lot of it was wordsmithing and rewriting. Some of the more significant changes relate to provisions regarding what happens to the house if Town funds or private funds are raised for the house, to ensure that the house stays with the Town. A second issue was what happens at the end of the 10 years; options to extend have been added. The Nature Conservancy has given us verbal approval but we haven't sent it to them to sign yet. Given these two changes she feels it warrants another Town Meeting.

Mr. Tracey said additional changes included making the process of obtaining funds from the endowment more specific in the documents. Also, there is an initial term of ten years for each lease. Each party is then entitled to five successive fifteen year extensions as long as they give notice.

Ms. Weinstein said on December 8th, Planning and Zoning did issue the Town a favorable report only to the extent and on the conditions that the documents as revised are accepted by us. She asked the Selectmen for their approval. Mr. Tracey said that he was going to recuse himself from the vote since he has been directly involved.

Mr. Muller moved that we accept the proposed changes submitted by the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the Amended Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Weston and the Nature Conservancy, the mutual leases and the Amended and Restated Conservation Restriction Agreement related to the Lachat property. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the vote was Ms. Weinstein, Mr. Muller yes. Mr. Tracey recused.

Ms. Weinstein moved that we schedule a Town Meeting to approve these amended documents as attached for a Town Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2012 at 7:15pm in the Town Meeting Room of Weston Town Hall. Mr. Muller seconded. Ms. Weinstein, Mr. Muller yes. Mr. Tracey recused.

Discussion/decision regarding adopting policies and procedures for the Town's Government Access Channel. Ms. Weinstein said that in conversations with Mr. Bellin and Mr. Saltzman, the Town's representative to the Government Access Channel, they discussed what should and should not put on the Government Access Channel. If we went strictly by "government", it means only showing the Town Meetings, Selectmen meetings, Board of Finance etc. They thought perhaps that should be expanded to issues that are government or civic related that might be of interest to the general community.

Ms. Weinstein referred to a draft of the policies and procedures (see attached.)

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Mr. Muller asked if the draft policies and procedures were modeled on anything. Mr. Bellin said that he and Mr. Saltzman had an informal discussion with Ms. Weinstein and figured out what they wanted to accomplish. They extracted portions from the Town of Darien's policy and put together a draft.

As the Area Nine Cable Representative for Weston, Mr. Bellin and Mr. Saltzman would review requests. Mr. Muller asked when there is something of a timely nature, and the administrators don't like it, and someone wants to appeal, the process may take too long if it needs to wait for a Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Weinstein said we could change Weston's Board of Selectmen to Weston's First Selectman and then there is an immediate recourse. Mr. Bellin said we could add if she is not available, her designee.

Mr. Tracey said the one concern is to protect against copyright infringement and invasion of privacy claims. Mr. Bellin said that we should have a standard form so that if there is a problem it's their problem not ours.

Ms. Weinstein said that she would work with Mr. Bellin on the release and fix the language and bring it back to the January 5th meeting for approval. Mr. Bellin asked that Mr. Tracey rewrite the last paragraph of the draft Policies and Procedures.

Accept the resignation of Howard Aibel from the Conservation Commission effective immediately. Ms. Weinstein asked that the resignation date be changed to December 16th so that Mr. Aibel could attend a Conservation Commission meeting on December 15th. Mr. Muller made a motion to accept the resignation of Howard Aibel from the Conservation Commission effective December 16, 2011. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/interview/decision regarding the appointment of Joy Peshkin to the Board of Ethics to fill a vacancy for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Ms. Peshkin said that for the last 30 years has been as an attorney in private practice. She did mostly litigation. She retired on October 1, 2010. She taught in the Weston School System and has been on the Board of Education and used to be very active in the Town. She thought that this was an appropriate way to do something that could be of use. She has not been politically active or involved with the Town.

Discussion/interview/decision regarding the appointment of Robert Lamb to the Board of Ethics to fill a vacancy for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Lamb said he has been a resident for 22 years and his background is as an Investment Management Consultant. He is not a practicing attorney but he did go to law school. He thought it would be a good opportunity for him to give back to the Town. He thinks it is a position that suits him well and that he would serve well.

Ms. Weinstein said that his wife, Denise Massingale-Lamb did serve on this board and given the fact that she did serve and was involved with a particular case that is currently on going, does that give him any predisposition towards this matter or can he come in fresh, look at all the evidence and make a decision based on his own opinion. Mr. Lamb

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said he has not been a member of any political party and when Denise says she has to go off to a meeting there is never any chatter. He said the only hint that he learned of this is by skimming the Forum. He's all set and ready to go if accepted.

Discussion/interview/decision regarding the appointment of John Albright to the Board of Ethics to fill a vacancy for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr.

Albright said he has owned a house in Weston since 1993 and was away for five years. He is a lawyer and has practiced law for 25 years. For the last 15 to 20 years he has been inhouse in financial services, and for the last 15 years of that he's focused on corporate governance and compliance ethics matters. He would like to give back to the Town and become involved. Given his professional background it would be an appropriate role for him.

Ms. Weinstein asked if he was involved with litigation with the Town. He said that was another John Albright that lives in Town that there has been confusion with the two of them. Mr. Tracey asked if he had been active with either of the Town Committees. Mr. Albright said he has attended two Town Committee meeting in the last six or seven years. He is not active in the party at all.

Mr. Tracey asked if his work involved providing advice on conflict of interest issues with regard to Boards of Directors and Officers of Corporations. Mr. Albright said yes. He was involved in 2005 in a leadership team that rewrote the code of ethics.

Discussion/interview/decision regarding the appointment of Howard Aibel to the Board of Ethics to fill a vacancy for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Aibel said he has had a legal career which he was active in until about two years ago. He was member of GE's headquarters legal department, and was general counsel and chief legal officer of the ITT Corporation for thirty years. At ITT, he was responsible for the formulation of their code of conduct. With the assistance of a couple of associates, it was his job to enforce the code of conduct and to give advice to the Chief Executives and the Board of Directors regarding compliance with the code of conduct by the management of the corporation. He is a member of the Democratic Town Committee.

Ms. Weinstein said that Mr. Aibel neglected to mention that he essentially rewrote the regulations for Conservation which was a tremendous job. Mr. Aibel said the reason he wanted to resign from the Conservation Commission is that he has some physical problems and one of the important functions of the Conservation Commission is to go out and physically look at the land.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Paula Savignol to the Board of Ethics for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Ms. Savignol said she was appointed last August and was sworn in September and within a week of being sworn in, she received a letter saying that her term was up at the end of that year. There was one meeting that took place at 8:30am on a Saturday and she was told the meeting would be on Saturdays because of Mr. Negroni's schedule. She is a realtor and works weekends so it was not possible for her to be there. The year ended and she was under the impression

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that she was no longer on the Board. She has since received a letter from the Town Clerk that said that letter was a mistake and her term actually ended at the end of this year. Ms. Savignol said that she would like to continue on the Board.

Mr. Tracey asked if she had attended any meetings. Ms. Savignol said that on December the 5th she had a call from the Town Clerk saying that she had to be at a meeting the following morning. She attended that meeting and another one on the following Tuesday. She has not been involved in any decision making or real hearings. Mr. Tracey asked if she was active in any Town politics. Ms. Savignol said only in a non-partisan manner, she is a 35 year member of the League of Women Voters. Many years ago, she was active with the schools and served on the long range planning committee for the Board of Education. She is a registered Republican.

Ms. Weinstein said we have three seats opened and two seats that are currently filled by Democrats. With any commissions or boards that we have we need a bare majority so two seats have to be Republicans and the third seat is open.

Ms. Weinstein said that Paula Savignol deserves a reappointment especially given what has happen the past year. Both Mr. Tracey and Mr. Muller agreed.

Mr. Muller said that Mr. Aibel's skills as a long standing member of the Conservation Commission, general counsel and work on documentation he thinks his skill would be incredible on doing the legal review.

Ms. Weinstein said all four candidates were incredibly impressive. One candidate who stood out to her was Robert Lamb particularly because he is an unaffiliated voter. She thinks to have a Board of Ethics that is made up of two Republican, two Democrats and an unaffiliated voter would really be something special and something important to have.

Mr. Muller said one of themes that came through in the Charter review was the importance of unaffiliated voters having a voice and not feeling disenfranchised because they do not have the ability to propose candidates through a party mechanism. Given the attention that it has had with the Charter Revision Commission he thinks that would be a wise move on the part of the Board.

Mr. Tracey said he fully agreed with that. The Charter Revision Commission has discussed extensively the fact that they have been unable to get unaffiliated voters active in Town Committees and leadership positions and it is great to have someone come up and volunteer for the Board of Ethics who is unaffiliated. In particular the Board of Ethics must be a non-partisan committee. The issues that come before it can have political overtones but the role of the Board of Ethics is to make a dispassionate, objective, fair-minded decision which is unaffected by politics. He strongly believes that unaffiliated voters are highly qualified and he would be concerned about appointing members who are politically active with one or the other party.

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Mr. Tracey said we have very strong candidates and he thought that John Albright has a terrific applicable background. He has been responsible at major corporations for interpreting codes of ethics and he feels that he would bring a great deal of expertise to the process. Ms. Weinstein agreed. Mr. Muller said we have other candidates here that have tremendous legal skills and he feels it is incumbent on the Board to find ways to engage them. Ms. Weinstein said that she hopes both Mr. Aibel and Ms. Peshkin would allow the Board to consider their applications for Legal Review. Mr. Aibel said that he would like to be considered.

Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Robert Lamb and John Albright to fill the vacancies on the Board of Ethics for terms to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Paula Savignol to the Board of Ethic for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Marc Butlein to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Butlein said he's lived in Town since 1988 and all three of his children went through the school system and were involved in sports. He was appalled at some of the conditions that existed and when they went through the rebuilding he volunteered and soon after was appointed to Parks and Recreation. Parks and Recreation is a terrific board and there has never been a specter of any politics.

Mr. Tracey moved to reappoint Marc Butlein to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Brian Collins to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Collins said he has been a resident since 1995 and he has twins who are sixteen. He's been active in many of the youth sports organizations. He has been on the Board for about four months and has found it to be very interesting.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Brain Collins to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Neil Horner to the Historic District for a term to expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Horner said he has been in Weston for 29 years and up to about three years ago he had not participated in the Town's activities at all. He said he thinks that being on the Commission will get very interesting in a short period of time. We currently have six Historic Districts in Town and he would like to be reappointed to the commission to maintain the six districts and also to engage and maybe even participate in expanding the number of districts we have.

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Mr. Tracey moved to reappoint Neil Horner to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Carol Baldwin as an alternate on the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Baldwin said she was passionate about historic buildings and she should have more free time in the years coming up. She would like to help with the Historic Districts in Town and save the historic character of the Town.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Carole Baldwin as an alternate on the Historic District Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2016. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Margaret Anderson to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Ms. Weinstein asked the Board to make an exception for meeting Ms. Anderson since she doesn't come out at night. Ms. De Keijzer said that Ms. Anderson has been an active, interested participant in discussions and had been working with some others in Town on the Domestic Violence Task Force to keep in tune with some of the issues that arise in elder abuse.

Mr. Tracey moved to reappoint Margaret Anderson to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Terry Hulley to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Ms. Hulley said that she had been in Weston for over 27 years. She and Jay Jackson moved here and retired here. She was the manager of employment in affirmative action for Random House for many years. She runs a book club for the Senior Center. She is very impressed with what is going on in the Senior Center and she is delighted with the two young people the town has hired and the energy they are extending.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Terry Hulley to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Laura Smits to fill the vacancy (Susan Moore) on the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Ms. Smits said her background was in advertising and public relations for many years before she had children. She moved around with her spouse who works for General Electric. She has been working as a freelance writer and has been in Town for about 10 years. She was on the Board of Education for five years and is currently the Democrat Registrar of Voters. She was a candidate for First Selectman a few years back and has been on the League of Women Voters. She has been working with the seniors for about a year. She does current events with them. They have been getting more attendance and actually have a couple of men in the group now.

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Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Laura Smits to fill the vacancy on the Commission on Aging for a term to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Michael Bellacosa to the Library board for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Bellacosa said that he's been on the Library Board for few years. He went on the board around the time that he quit working on Wall Street and started a master's program on Library Science which he finished a year ago. Now it is becoming interesting in a different way, being on the Library Board and thinking of those issues, while at the same time he is on the staff of the Bridgeport Public Library. He said that Karen Tartarka is doing a great job.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Michael Bellacosa to the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Lynne Langlois to the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Ms. Langlois said that she has been an avid reader all her life and used the Library a lot. It was a very welcoming place when she moved to Weston in 1980. She has served on the library board for a long time and has the institutional history. She has enjoyed her time on the Board very much. She was Chair on the Board when the addition was built.

Mr. Tracey moved to reappoint Lynne Langlois to the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Sherry Pally to fill the vacancy (Johanna Straczek) on the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Ms. Pally said that she has lived in Town for over 16 years and raised her children here. She has a deep attachment to the Town and has thought about being on the Library Board for several years. As an undergraduate her only paying job was working in the book store. When her kids were in elementary school she chaired the book fair for two years. More recently she has worked at the Historical Society working on a project for the Connecticut Library called the Treasurers of Connecticut where they have been going through the archives selecting 100 items that would represent the history of the Town.

Mr. Muller moved to appoint Sherry Pally to fill the vacancy on the Library Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Marilyn Parker to the fill the vacancy (Ken Edgar) as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire for a term to expire November 12, 2013. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

Discussion/decision regarding the appointment of Valerie Mason Finegan to fill the vacancy (Lou Dempsey) the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Ms. Finegan said nature, the environment and conservation has always been important to her. She moved to Weston in 1994 and she loves it here. She has been attending meetings regularly for a year and has worked with the Sustainability Committee and decided she wanted to formally join. Her special interest is recycling.

Mr. Tracey moved to appoint Valerie Mason Finegan to fill the vacancy on the Weston Sustainability Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Robert Uzenoff to the Panel of Moderators for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Uzenoff said that he thought the New England Town Meeting is a wonderful institution and he's enjoyed serving as a moderator the last four years. It's not demanding and it is something he's able to do and he's glad to do it.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Robert Uzenoff to the Panel of Moderators for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Items

Updates

Grants- Gayle Weinstein-Ms. Weinstein said that the Friends of Lachat received the Historic Preservation Grant for \$20,000. Mr. Landry will be meeting with Ms. Baldwin to make sure everything is in order. The grant is for a study to determine what needs to be done to the building if it is going to be preserved. There are many conditions to the grant application, and we need to ensure that there are no conditions that are unacceptable to the Town. Ms. Baldwin's group is going to have to look at them and make sure that they are okay.

Revson field- Ms. Weinstein said that Mr. Conte had come to her with serious concerns about the work on the field getting done. His concern was this guy working in the outfield now with the weather getting cold that all they are going to be doing is driving that moisture down deeper into the soil which causes compaction and makes the subsurface into a brick.

They called in Tom Shiel from Milone and MacBroom who was hired to do oversight. They looked at the field conditions and made a determination of what was done and wasn't done, and what they should do moving forward. At that point, it was still undecided if they should stop the work in the varsity outfield. They had subsequent meetings with him, and have had John Conte monitoring the field, and decided it was in the best interest to tell the contractor to discontinue work on the outfield of the varsity field. Mr. Conte told her that you can't grade mud and that is what the contractor was attempting to do. The key to getting this

project to work successfully is to get the 1/2 percent grade down from the field all the way out to the back fence so that the water will sheet off.

At this point, the contractor has committed to finishing the JV field. He was supposed to meet with Ms. Weinstein today and his crew told her that he was checking out sod in New Jersey today for the field which was why he couldn't meet with her. She has told him that there are concerns about putting the sod down and they expect him to warranty that. The Board has a copy of the letter that she sent to the contractor requesting information from him in writing.

At Ms. Weinstein's meeting with Milone and MacBroom they talked about potentially firing the contractor, getting another contractor and there were a couple of reasons why they didn't. The bids they got came a little high, because they felt they would have to redo work that the contractor did and most importantly the Town wanted to protect their right to go back if they need to sue him.

The sod for the JV field is going to be installed on Saturday. Mr. Tracey asked what we were getting a warranty of. Ms. Weinstein said to guarantee all the work down to date.

Mr. Tracey said even though we had rain, it was after he was supposed to have completed this project and had he completed it on time we wouldn't be in this position. Ms. Weinstein said he started the project two weeks late and that was the real problem. Mr. Tracey asked if we had taken all possible steps to protect the Town's position in terms of putting him on notice that he breached the contract. Ms. Weinstein said he did not breach the contract because there was no clause that said you must get this done by a specific date. Mr. Tracey said he is not going to accept that; the contractor did breach the contract Mr. Tracey thinks that needs more discussion.

Ms. Weinstein said when she saw there was no sod at the field today they put him on notice in writing that he would be responsible for all transportation costs for the High School Baseball teams and cost associated with not having the JV field done.

Mr. Tracey said that there was serious issue about project management and we need to have a review of that. Ms. Weinstein said that there have been conversations with staff.

Emergency Preparedness

Ms. Weinstein said she had a meeting with Ken Edgar representing the Volunteer Coalition, Charlene Chiang- Hillman Social Services and Officer Joe Miceli who is the acting Emergency Management Director to determine what areas the Volunteer Coalition would be able to help us in in case of an emergency. They come up with four different areas 1. The block captain concept; 2. Volunteers to

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manage the storm line; 3. Comfort Station and/or Emergency shelter; and 4. Help distribute supplies throughout Town if people are blocked in their homes. The Volunteer Coalition is going to take this information and run with it and we will work in coordination with them.

We are also working with the State and Westport/Weston Health District to get a CERT team in place. The CERT team can help with traffic control, traffic flow and other things that they are specifically trained for.

Ticker File, Discuss as updated

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

Discussion/decision regarding the reappointment of Thomas Failla to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Failla said he started on the Commission in 1992 and in that time has served with over 20 people, 14 of whom he's trained. He been asked to continue serving and he is happy to help the Town that way. It's a highly technical area where you have to use good judgment and balance the needs of the property owner against the greater need of the environment.

Mr. Muller moved to reappoint Thomas Failla to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/approval of the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of October 20, 2011, November 3, 2011, Special Board of Selectmen's minutes of November 17, 2011 and November 29, 2011. Mr. Muller moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of October 20, 2011 and November 3, 2011. Ms. Weinstein seconded and the motion passed Ms. Weinstein, Mr. Muller yes. Mr. Tracey abstained.

Mr. Muller made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of November 17, 2011 and the Special Board of Selectmen's minutes on November 29, 2011. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 10:00pm Mr. Tracey moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito
Administrative Assistant.
Approved 01/05/12

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