

Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
April 4, 2013

Present: First Selectman Gayle Weinstein; Selectman David Muller; Selectman Dennis Tracey; Administrative Assistant Judy DeVito; 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 7:05pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance-**

**Discussion regarding the Lachat property-** Ellen McCormick and members from the Lachat Oversight Committee updated the Selectmen on what they have been doing. Carol Baldwin said that Mr. Hatch had submitted completed proposed plans for the restoration of the house in December that was paid for with the grant from the Connecticut Trust. He believes the next step is to restore the back portion of the house and then the roof. The roof will be about \$27,000 which will be cedar. The back portion which includes rebuilding the foundation is about \$60,000. Mr. Hatch is proposing a handicap accessible bathroom in that portion of the house that would have access from outside so people on the farm could use it. He thought that maybe the roof cost could come from the Lachat maintenance fund.

Ms. Weinstein asked if the friends of Lachat had the \$60,000 to do the back portion. Ms. Baldwin said that Friends of Lachat have about \$88,000. Ms. Weinstein said that they need to discuss whether it is appropriate to spend money on the roof and in order for them to decide that and restore the back she thinks that the Selectmen need to have a look at the final plans of the house.

Ms. Weinstein would like to put them on the agenda for the next meeting and by then she should be able to have a sense of how much money is in the account. Mr. Muller said he would like to do a site visit which does not have to be before the next meeting. Mr. Tracey said he would like to see the current thinking on what renovations are going to be required to get it to a point where it is going to be usable for the purposes that we anticipate. He would like to know the approximate cost and the total amount of resources that we currently have so that they can make sure that they are in the ballpark for a successful project and are not putting in money without knowing where the rest of the money is coming from. Ms. Weinstein said that when they have an artist rendering that they should hold a public information session so that the public knows what they are going to do.

The Committee went through the draft of the Master Plan with the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Weinstein said that she would post the draft Master Plan on the Town's website.

**Update regarding how road improvements on Old Mill Road have effected traffic.** There was no representation from the Police Commission or the Police Department. This item will be on the next agenda and Ms. Weinstein will send a letter

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telling them that she thought they would be here tonight and ask them to attend the next meeting.

**Accept the resignation of Joseph Limone from the Planning and Zoning Commission effective April 15, 2013.** Ms. Weinstein thanked Joe for his service on Planning and Zoning and for the incredible job that he has done. Mr. Tracey moved to approve the resignation of Joseph Limone from the Planning and Zoning Commission effective April 15, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion/decision regarding the proposed changes to the Firearms ordinance.** Mr. Tracey said that they haven't had time to look at the new Connecticut State Laws that cover some of the issues that we are including in the ordinance. He said that he felt we needed to look at the ordinance in light of the new Connecticut law. This item will be discussed at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**Discussion/decision regarding guidelines for signage on the Onion Barn-** According to our regulations it is the joint responsibility of the Historic District Commission and the Board of Selectmen to manage signs that are placed on the Onion Barn. The Historic District met and felt that a sign with an area of 16 square feet, regardless of shape, is an appropriate size for that building.

Mr. Muller moved to approve the regulation change as required by the Historic District Commission for Onion Barn Signage such that no sign will be larger than 16 square feet. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously

**Discussion/decision regarding a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign the agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects".** Mr. Tracey moved to approve a resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign the agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects." Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously

**Discussion/regarding Personnel Policy Review-**The Selectmen will each send their comments separately to Mrs. DeVito and then it will be discussed.

## **Open Items**

### **Updates**

**Grants- Gayle Weinstein-** We received a grant from FEMA for \$10,179 to offset our emergency management cost. Ms. Weinstein will be working with sergeant Ferullo to apply for a COPS grant which is a federal grant to potentially offset or pay for an SRO for a number of years. It is a competitive grant.

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

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**Discussion/approval of the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes for February 26, 2013 and the Board of Selectmen's meeting for March 21, 2013 and the Public Hearing of March 21, 2013.** Mr. Tracey moved to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting of February 26, 2013, the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of March 21, 2013 and the Public Hearing minutes of March 21, 2013. Mr. Muller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:56pm Mr. Muller moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tracey seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. DeVito  
Administrative Assistant  
Approve 05/04/13