Board of Selectmen

SPECIAL MEETING
March 31, 2009 – 12:00 PM
Town Hall

MINUTES

1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk at 12:07 PM. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Russ Blakeslee were present as well as Howard Wayland, Chairman of the Cemetery Commission.

2.0 Selectmen and Cemetery Commission members conducted a site walk on the McGillicuddy property on Waterman Road. Following the site walk, the Cemetery Commission voted to recommend to the Selectmen they move forward with negotiations to procure the McGillicuddy property contingent upon satisfactory results from a series of test pits (to determine presence of ledge). The property is approximately eight acres and has an assessed value of $108,000 which is 70% of the market value. Selectmen continued to provide some suggestions to the First Selectman re the approach for negotiations.

Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to request the First Selectman to initiate negotiations with the McGillicuddy family for the possible purchase of 8.03 acres of land on Waterman Road to be used for future cemetery development. Vote: yes, unanimous.

3.0 Time did not permit any discussion to prepare a response to a POCD request for the Selectmen’s ten-year goals and objectives. This matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

4.0 Walker Services has offered to service the Jonathan Trumbull Library at no additional cost – the service would be rolled into the existing town contract. Presently they provide eight hours of service per month – if rolled together we’ll need to share those hours between the town and library. Included in the contract costs is telephone I.T. support, with the first 15 minutes of a trouble call on the telephone having no charge. After the first 15 minutes, however, there is an hourly rate assessed to additional time on the phone. Walker is now offering an unlimited telephone support with no time limit for an additional $100 per month. Bendoraitis is recommending Selectmen look at this option but before taking action, he will research past billings to determine to what extent we are using and being charged for excess phone time.

Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to add the Library to the Walkers Systems Computer Support contract at no additional charge for FY 09-10. Vote: yes, unanimous.

5.0 At 12:50 PM the Selectmen left the Town Hall and drove together to visit the site of all street lights presently being charged to the Town of Lebanon by CL&P and BL&P. Time did not allow them to visit all of the sites so this project will continue on another date.

6.0 Selectmen returned to the Town Hall. Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM. Vote: yes, unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk
First Selectman