

Board of Selectmen  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Town Hall  
April 1, 2008 - 6:00 PM  
**MINUTES**

1.0 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Selectman John Bendoraitis. Present were Selectman Russ Blakeslee and Administrative Assistant Mary Ellen Wieczorek. First Selectman Joyce Okonuk was absent. There was an audience of approximately 25 people.

**2.0 Minutes**

- 2.1 No action on the January 7, 2008 Special Meeting.
- 2.2 No action on the January 14, 2008 Special Meeting.
- 2.3 No action on the February 28, 2008 Special Meeting.
- 2.4 No action on the March 4, 2008 Regular Meeting.
- 2.5 No action on the March 13, 2008 Special Meeting.
- 2.6 Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2008 Special Meeting. Vote: yes. Motion carried.
- 2.7 Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2008 Special Meeting. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to suspend the rules to take up Item 8.0, Public Forum. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

**8.0** Residents from Card Street and other concerned people requested to speak to the Board of Selectmen about the proposed CL&P power project on Card Street. Ann Dawson stated that the concerned people on Card Street request the Board of Selectmen call a Special Town Meeting as soon as possible because the DPUC will be conducting hearings on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Furthermore, she told the Board it is the Board's duty to get as much information to all the residents, not just a select few. Calling a Town Meeting will help get all the information out to Lebanon. The audience addressed concerns such as long-term health impact, noise, damage to the road, long-term environmental problems. Selectman Bendoraitis presented a letter dated March 27<sup>th</sup> from the Town Engineer providing a preliminary review of the information submitted for the project. A public hearing was held in March for the abutters on the proposed site and many people in the audience stated they felt that CL&P did not offer all the information, nor have the Selectmen stating that the Board should have notified the town when initially approached by CL&P and any other meetings. In response, Bendoraitis told the audience that the Board has not received any more information that what was at the Public Hearing. Bendoraitis told the audience that at the March Public Hearing people asked for updated information and since that time a link for the Card Street project has been included on the Town Web page. Additionally, Bendoraitis stated he would like to correct the newspaper (present at the meeting), that PZC and Inland Wetlands did not approve the project as an article stated and that PZC and IWC do not have the authority to approve. The project is governed by DPUC and the Citing Council. It was asked if resolutions or ordinances could be included at a special Town Meeting, and, and Bendoraitis told the audience that what was is warned on the agenda is what can be discussed and acted upon. Only the annual Town Meeting in May, can items be introduced from the floor. It was asked of the Board if at the Town Meeting will the Town be able to know if the Board will support. Selectmen said they do not have an opinion either way and would need time to take in all the presentations and comments from the meeting. Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to hold a Special Selectmen's meeting to set the date for a Special Town Meeting on the proposed CL&P peaking facility project. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to take up New Business item 5.1. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

**5.1** Lyman High School sophomores Christine Wengloski, Rachel Williams and Katie Lamb presented their Biology report pertaining to the coli form pollution at Lebanon Public Buildings. Also

included were the American Legion and the High School. The students investigated where the pollution had been found and what potential causes might have been and hope to raise awareness. Additionally, the students presented to the Library Board and Board of Education. The Selectmen thanked the students for presenting and for taking the time to do this important project for the Town. No action.

Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to take up New Business Item 4.2. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

**4.2** The Board previously approved a request from the family of Michele Jaquith to allow the installation of a memorial bench of a plain granite design similar to the benches presently on the Green, pending final design and approval by the Board of Selectmen prior to approval. Melanie Weed who initially contacted and spoke to the Board was present to provide the granite sampling, bench dimensions and picture of the engraving. The dimensions of the bench is slightly smaller than the existing benches on the Green. The proposed engraving would be that of 1" letters for "In Memory of" and 1 ½" - 1 ¾" letters for "Michele Jaquith". Melanie confirmed that funding and all installation materials of the bench will be provided by the family of Michele Jaquith. The Town Public Works Department would be responsible for the actual installation and Melanie should contact the Selectman's office to make arrangements for receiving the bench. Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to approve the final design and accept a memorial bench donation from Melanie Weed, on behalf of the family of Michele Jaquith. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to take up New Business item 5.5. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

**5.5** The Selectmen reviewed the proposed revisions to Building Department's fee schedule as provided by Lebanon's Building Official; Peter Zvingilas who recommends the Board of Selectmen take up at the Town Meeting. The fee schedule was last changed/revised in 2000. Zvingilas stated that the proposed changes are in line with other towns. Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to bring the proposed revisions to the Building Department fee schedule to Annual Town Meeting as presented by Building Official, Peter Zvingilas. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to take up Old Business item 4.4. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

Computer/Server Maintenance bids were opened at a previous meeting. Bendoraitis stated that the budget has not been approved and furthermore, would like more time to contact the references. Blakeslee agreed that he would like additional time to review the bids. Resident Tim Thompson said he feels that the Town would do better with a local business, and to support our local companies. Ginny and Allen Stein from the Computer Tamers were present. Ginny Stein agreed that keeping small business is very important to the economic development. Both she and Allen recommended the Board carefully read the other bid specifically what are their limits; do they charge mileage; do they charge fee per hour on top of service calls. Allen Stein reiterated the substantial number of years their business has contracted with Town Hall and strong working relationships that have developed, and that they continue to include "unlimited hours" in their bid this time. The Selectmen thanked the Steins for attending and agreed they needed additional time to review the bids and references. No action.

Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to return to the order of the agenda. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

### **3.0 Correspondence**

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from American Legion Post #180 which provided the theme "Veterans Gift to America's Freedom" for the 2008 Memorial Day Parade. No action.

### **4.0 Old Business**

**4.1** As a result of PA 07-242, effective 10/1/08, the Board took no action on local ordinances pertaining to exemptions for renewable energy systems. The Selectmen took no action on a proposed ordinance for tax exemptions for high mileage automobiles.

4.2 The request for a donation to the Lebanon Green was acted upon above.

4.3 The Board took no action on the MERS deductions and will bring to a future meeting. Bendoraitis stated he has not yet received clarification from the Finance Office if there are any other benefits that might be associated with the taxable wage base.

4.4 The Computer/Server Maintenance for Town Hall was acted upon above.

## **5.0 New Business**

5.1 The LMHS biology presentation was acted upon above.

5.2 Alicia Wayland told the Board that in an attempt to reduce the high fuel oil consumption at the J.T. Jar House Museum an energy survey was conducted in March. Alicia said she was able to negotiate the survey from \$500.00 down to \$200.00. Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the invoice from Canterbury Energy in the amount of \$ 200.00 funds to come from the J.T. Jr House Fund. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

5.3. Canterbury Energy, the company that performed the energy survey provided a letter with recommendations for the energy consumption improvements at the Jr. House Museum. The letter identified potential causes for the high consumption of oil at the Museum. Alicia Wayland asked the Selectmen if she could contact a local contractor to provide a quote for the recommended changes. Furthermore, Alicia asked if Item # 1 (correcting window) could be taken care of immediately. Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to obtain a quote for the recommended changes to improve the energy consumption at the Jr House Museum and to proceed with Item #1 (correcting kitchen window) immediately. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

5.4. Alicia Wayland told the Board that in honor of Gov. Trumbull's 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday town and state-wide festivities will be planned throughout 2010. Alicia said that a group of people from Town which also included the schools, Recreation Department and the Museum attended a meeting in March. The school is very excited about including 2010 projects in the curriculum. The brain storming in March lead to suggestions such as sponsoring colonial dance classes and ball, concerts, hands-on activities. The March meeting provided a "heads up" about starting early in the planning process and it will be important for the success of the event for the Selectmen to appoint a 2010 coordinating committee, similar to the Tercentennial Committee so there is continued communication and interaction. Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to establish a seven (7) member 2010 Gov. Trumbull Celebration Committee to coordinate activities. The full charge of the Committee will be detailed on the Town Web Page. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

5.5. The proposed Revised Fee Schedule for the Building Department was acted upon above.

5.6. The Town received the Lighting proposal for the Fire Safety Complex on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Selectmen would like time to review the proposal and bring to a future meeting. No action.

5.7. The Selectmen asked the Administrative Assistant to contact the Troop Leader and confirm the Troop will have access to the Congregational Church for use of restrooms. Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the Earth Day request from Troop #58 to camp on the Green on Friday, April 25, 2008, pending confirmation that the Troop utilizes the Congregational Church restrooms. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

5.8. Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the request from Troop #58 to hold a plant sale fundraiser for Earth Day at the Library/Green parking area on Saturday, April 26, 2008. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

5.9 There were no Resignations from Commissions/Committees.

5.10. The following Appointments/Re-appointments to Commissions/Committees were acted upon:  
(1) Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to appoint Jon Slate as an alternate to the Conservation Commission. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

(2) Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to re-appoint Betsy Petrie to the Summer Dance Fest Committee, term to expire March 1, 2011. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

(3) Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to re-appoint Jane Cady, Geri McCaw and Donna LaFontaine to the Commission on Aging, terms to expire February 1, 2011. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

(4) Motion by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to re-appoint Jim McCaw, Dean Gustafson and Carl Bender to the Inland Wetlands Commission, terms to expire June 1, 2011. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

#### **6.0 Tax Refunds**

Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to approve the following Tax Refunds for April 2008 as presented by the Tax Collector:

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| Richard G or Susan Small           |  | \$2.27     |
| Denise A. or Russell W. Cole       |  | \$11.47    |
| Diane Haralson                     |  | \$18.49    |
| Paul E. or Linda S. Kenneman       |  | \$49.01    |
| Ronald Fortier                     |  | \$46.56    |
| Ronald Fortier                     |  | \$49.32    |
| Sharon Murphy                      |  | \$3.38     |
| Richard K. or Karen E. Saar        |  | \$88.50    |
| Samuel Ambert                      |  | \$2.86     |
| Roger Abell                        |  | \$1,038.50 |
| Jayne Pierson                      |  | \$5.33     |
| Adam & Karen Boyer                 |  | \$120.60   |
| Craig F. and Emily L. Mellon       |  | \$200.20   |
| Countrywide                        |  | \$1,206.67 |
| Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. |  | \$100.10   |
| Steven Verizzi                     |  | \$17.69    |
| Donna Combs                        |  | \$1,944.07 |
| Richard or Maryann Honore          |  | \$319.20   |
| Rene Breault                       |  | \$60.03    |
| Alberto Llanes                     |  | \$13.01    |
| Patricia Johnson                   |  | \$8.04     |

#### **7.0 Financial Report Update**

YTD budgets as of 03/31/08 were reviewed. Under Public Works, Snow Removal is over about 20% as a result of the invoices that were not reflected in February. Advertising continues to run over budget. Other accounts appear to be operating within established budget. The Board did not review TIP Non-discretionary as these reports were not included with the reports. Selectman's Assistant will request this TIP report from the Finance Office.

#### **8.0 Public Forum - above.**

**9.0** Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Vote: yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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