

Board of Selectmen
REGULAR MEETING
September 14, 2010 – 5:00 PM
Town Hall
MINUTES

1.0 First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Linda Finelli, and Administrative Assistant Patti Handy were also present. Audience: 6

2.0 **Public Forum** - None

3.0 **Minutes**

3.1 Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2010 Special Meeting, amended as follows: Item 5.7 under New Business should read "*The Selectmen advised the Library Trustees to meet and adopt the Plan and to get **estimates** from architects for the design.*" Vote: Yes, unanimous.

3.2 Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Finelli to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2010 Special Meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

3.3 Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2010 Special Meeting. Vote: Yes (2), Bendoraitis and Finelli; Abstain (1), Okonuk. Motion carries.

3.4 Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2010 Special Meeting. Vote: Yes (2), Okonuk and Bendoraitis; Abstain (1), Finelli. Motion carries.

4.0 **Correspondence**

4.1 No correspondence

5.0 **Police Report**

5.1 The Resident State Trooper was not available to present the Call for Service Report.

Motion made by Okonuk, Seconded by Finelli to adjourn the normal order of the agenda and take up Item 6.5 under New Business. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

6.0 **New Business**

6.5 Fire Chief John Lyon and Assistant Chief Betsy Petrie were present to discuss an item on the agenda for the next Special Town Meeting that involves the purchase of a new ambulance for the LVFD. Chief Lyon asked about the requirement to solicit sealed bids. He and Petrie explained that they had obtained a quote for a demonstration model ambulance from Eastford Fire and Rescue Apparatus that meets all of the departmental requirements and is available immediately. Eastford Fire and Rescue has an excellent repair and maintenance history with the LVFD. If bids are solicited and a new ambulance is subsequently ordered, it could take months to receive the vehicle. Lyon asked if the ordinance requirement to solicit bids could be waived due to these considerations.

Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to waive the competitive bidding ordinance requirements for the purchase of a 2010 fully equipped demonstration model ambulance from Eastford Fire and Rescue Apparatus, due to the fact that it is available immediately and the dealer has an excellent reputation for providing service. Vote: Yes, unanimous. Okonuk suggested that Lyon and Petrie attend the Special Town Meeting on September 21, 2010 and be prepared to answer questions regarding the purchase of and specifications for the ambulance.

Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to call a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium. Vote: Yes. (See attached).

Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to return to the normal order of the agenda, and take up Item 6.1 under New Business. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

6.1 Town Planner Phil Chester explained that Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) met with the town re their plans for a water storage facility in Lebanon. Chester presented a map showing exactly where the proposed water storage tanks would be, adjacent to Route 2, just off Camp Mooween Road. The property is partially owned by the State, and the portion of what used to be Old Lynch Road is owned by the Town. Discussion followed concerning the status of the road and whether or not it had been closed at a Town Meeting during the 1970's when the new Route 2 was constructed. Bendoraitis asked for confirmation of the closure and Okonuk said that she will confirm. Okonuk said that she and Chester had met with John Bilda of NPU and discussed the possibility of renting the Town-owned land to NPU; Bilda was open to the idea. Okonuk emphasized that the whole project is in the very early planning stage, but she wanted to keep the Board informed as the plan progresses. The issue would have to eventually go to a Town Meeting for approval.

6.2 Chester and Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary David Fields were at the meeting to discuss the Draft Plan of Conservation and Development and to solicit comments and suggestions from the Selectmen. The Selectmen did have several comments and offered feedback and expressed appreciation for the amount of work that has gone into the draft thus far, and the tremendous amount of data that has been compiled. The draft will be presented at a Public Hearing on October 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Lyman Memorial High School. No action.

6.3 Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to sign a Resolution declaring September as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Month. Vote: Yes, unanimous. (See attached).

6.4 Okonuk explained that while cleaning out files in the vault she came across documents dating back to the 1960's that relate to the building of Lyman Memorial High School (now the Lebanon Middle School). The required retention for these documents has long-since passed and Okonuk would like to donate them to the Lebanon Historical Society. **Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to donate old documents relating to the building of the original Lyman Memorial High School during the 1960's to the Lebanon Historical Society. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

Okonuk also stated that there is a bust of an unknown person in the front lobby of Town Hall; its origins are unknown as well. She would like to loan this item to the Historical Society for an indefinite period in hopes that its identity could be determined. **Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Finelli for the indefinite loan of a bust of unknown person to the Lebanon Historical Society. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

6.5 See above

6.6 The Selectmen discussed the need to purchase a file cabinet for the Selectmen's Office. **Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to purchase a four-drawer file cabinet for the Selectmen's Office, with costs not to exceed \$170.00, funds to come from TIP Account #208-520-5201. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

7.0 Old Business

7.1 The Selectmen discussed the legal opinion from the Town's General Attorney and Bond Counsel re the Capital Project Ordinance which was passed at the Annual Town Meeting and became effective on May 21, 2009. All were in agreement that the Ordinance as it stands is not proper, way too vague and as such an attorney could not even render a legal opinion based on its wording. There were differing opinions as to whether it should be repealed or repaired. Either way it will need to be brought to a future Town Meeting for action. **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to bring the Capital Project Ordinance to a future Town Meeting for repeal. Vote: Yes (2) Bendoraitis and Okonuk; No (1) Finelli. Motion carries.**

8.0 Appointments/Reappointments to, and Resignations from, Boards, Commissions and Committees

8.1 **Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Finelli to accept, with regret and sincere appreciation for many years of service, the resignation of Sandra Chalifoux from the Summer Dance Fest Committee. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

9.0 Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Okonuk, to approve the tax refunds through August 2010 as presented:

Tax Refunds – August 2010	
McCormick, Peter A. and Martha M.	\$3.07
Bohdan, John G.	\$140.34
Weinsteiger, Tammie L.	\$58.45
Hutnak, Mark A. or Darcey	\$9.98
Honda Lease Trust	\$60.16
Schelhorn, John J. or Rachel M.	\$17.88
Cowles, Ronald W. or Diana D.	\$18.04
Colonna, Virginia M.	\$8.18

Vote: Yes, unanimous.

10.0 Financial Reports

Okonuk advised there were no financial concerns and due to the earliest of the fiscal year, there was really nothing to discuss.

11.0 Executive Session

None

Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Finelli to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. Vote: Yes, unanimous. Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman