

Board of Selectmen  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Town Hall  
September 1, 2009 – 6:00 P.M.  
**MINUTES**

- 1.0 First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Selectman Russ Blakeslee and Administrative Assistant Patti Handy were also present. Selectman John Bendoraitis was absent.  
Audience: 3
- 2.0 **Public Forum**  
None
- 3.0 **Minutes**  
3.1 Moved by Okonuk seconded by Blakeslee to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting, amended as follows: Item 5.3 should read “Blakeslee addressed the status of the ice clips at the Fire Safety Complex. He stated that he had spoken to the contractor, Blakeslee Construction *as requested by the First Selectman.*” Vote: Yes, unanimous.  
3.2 No action was taken on the minutes from the August 10, 2009 Special Meeting  
3.3 No action was taken on the minutes from the August 11, 2009 Special Meeting  
3.4 Moved by Okonuk seconded by Blakeslee to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2009 Special Meeting, amended as follows: Item 2.0, fourth paragraph should read: “*The majority* of the property owners around Brewster Pond were present at the meeting. They indicated they were all in agreement that no hunting will be permitted on or from their land onto the lake. Captain O’Connell requested the property owners should write letters to the DEP indicating they are not allowing hunting. This will assist them in enforcement.” Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 4.0 **Correspondence**  
4.1 Okonuk stated that she was very happy to announce that the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CRRRA) has withdrawn their interest in placing an Ash Landfill in Franklin. Blakeslee noted that CRRRA has written a letter to the Selectmen expressing interest in Lebanon as a possible site for a future landfill. Okonuk stated that she would not even consider such a discussion as an Ash Landfill has no place in our pristine, agricultural town—she would oppose any effort to entertain such an action. Blakeslee said that he would consider it, and would like more information. They agreed to gather more information and take it up at the next meeting when Selectman John Bendoraitis would also be present. No action.
- 5.0 **Old Business**  
Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to add Item 5.1 to the agenda: Discuss and act upon amending the minutes of the July 14, 2009 Regular meeting: Vote: yes, unanimous  
5.1 In the minutes from July 14, 2009 Regular meeting, item 6.15 stated that: “Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to authorize a reimbursement to Donna Rae Gahrman, daughter of Michael Davis, for plot numbers 706 – 1&2, and 707 – 1&2, in the amount of \$100.00.” This should be corrected to read: “*...for plot numbers 771 - 1&2, and 772 – 1&2.*” Vote: yes, unanimous.
- 6.0 **New Business**  
6.1 Okonuk reported that Harold Liebman, Chairman of the Flood and Erosion Control Board, has informed her that he no longer wishes to serve on the Board and will not seek reappointment. He also questioned whether or not the F&ECB needed to stay active inasmuch as they meet only once per year—no real activity. Okonuk sought legal advice on disbanding the Board altogether, and was informed that this could be done. However, if that were the case, then the responsibilities of the Board would fall to the Board of Selectmen. In light of this, Okonuk recommended that the Flood and Erosion Control Board stay active and meet once per year, and the members wishing reappointment, be reappointed as their terms expire.  
6.2 Tom Conley was not present; no action.  
6.3 Offer has not yet been made - no action.  
6.4 Okonuk outlined a proposed Volunteer Policy that would hold the Town of Lebanon harmless should an individual become injured while volunteering for the Town. The Policy also emphasizes confidentiality and proper training for all volunteers. Okonuk presented a draft policy (see attached) and individual volunteer registration forms for the volunteer to sign before beginning their volunteer duties. Blakeslee questioned the need for such a document, but Okonuk assured him that most Towns now have such a policy in place. Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to adopt a Volunteer Policy for the Town of Lebanon. Vote: yes, unanimous.  
6.5 The Selectmen received a recommendation from Energy Task Force per their August 24, 2009 Regular meeting which reads as follows:  
“*Given that the energy efficiency standards originally authorized by Public Act 07-242 have been revised under Public Act 09-192 and will be delayed for at least several years beyond the original 2009 intended adoption date, the*

*Lebanon Energy Task Force Advisory Committee recommends that if prior to the implementation of PA 09-192, the Town of Lebanon undertakes the construction of a new building or an addition to an existing building exceeding 25% of the existing building area, the construction should comply with a minimum silver LEED certification standard."* Okonuk and Blakeslee both agreed that they would like more information on the silver LEED requirements before taking action. This will be addressed at a future meeting.

**6.6** Geri McCaw, Chairman of the Commission on Aging has recommended hiring Patricia Botticello as a part time van driver for the Senior Van. Okonuk stated that Botticello has an excellent driving record and a current CDL. Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Blakeslee to hire Patricia Botticello as a part-time van driver at the appropriate hourly rate. Vote: yes, unanimous.

Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to add Item 6.7 to the agenda: Discuss and act upon accepting a Resolution to amend the 2006 Fair Housing Action Plan: Vote: yes, unanimous.

**6.7** Okonuk presented a revised 2006 Fair Housing Action Plan that was supplied by Peter Huckins of Community Consulting. Blakeslee questioned the reason for the amendment, and Okonuk stated that following a recent state audit, the Town needed to amend the previous Fair Housing Action Plan to include the deletion of Action Step 21 and the inclusion of Action Step 32, as requested by the State. Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to pass the Resolution to amend the 2006 Fair Housing Action Plan. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to add Item 6.8 to the agenda: Discuss and act upon the minutes from the 08/12/09 Special Meeting. Vote: yes, unanimous.

**6.8** Mark Olenick, resident and property owner on Brewster Pond, wished to make a statement for the record regarding the minutes from the August 12, 2009 Special Meeting at Brewster Pond. Olenick objected to the statement by resident John Okonuk which was recorded as: "John Okonuk detailed old history of the dam when it was owned by (Bozrahville) who took gravel off the Olenick land, made the dam, and then sold the property." Olenick stated that according to his research, since 1816, no piece of his family's property was ever conveyed or sold.

**7.0 Appointments/Reappointments to, and Resignations from, Boards, Commissions and Committees**

**7.1** Moved by Okonuk seconded by Blakeslee to appoint Emil Pocock to the Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House Board of Historical Preservation to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Glen Pianka, with a term to expire 09/09/2010. Vote: yes, unanimous.

**7.2** Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to appoint Eric Rohrbach to the Energy Task Force Committee, term to expire at the completion of the project. Vote: yes, unanimous.

**7.3** Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to re-appoint Kurt Matson and Wayne Handfield to the Flood & Erosion Control Board, terms to expire on 06/01/2012. Vote: yes, unanimous

**7.4** Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to accept, with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Harold Liebman from the Flood & Erosion Control Board. Vote: yes, unanimous.

**8.0 Financial Reports**

**9.0 Tax Refunds for August 2009**

NAME	AMOUNT
La Pointe, Irene E.	\$1,994.43
Mellon, Craig & Susan	\$572.75
Steenwyk, Rick & Sheryl	\$3,261.35
Wilhem, Elsie E.	\$914.41
Bender, Klara Y.	\$8.14
Lyon, John H.	\$36.04
DCFS Trust	\$48.94

Moved by Blakeslee seconded by Okonuk to approve the Tax Refunds for August 2009 as presented; Vote: yes, unanimous.

**10.0 Executive Session**

None

**11.0** Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Blakeslee to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Vote: yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman