

Board of Selectmen  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
May 19, 2015 – 4:00 PM  
Town Hall  
**MINUTES**

- 1.0** First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Selectmen Linda Finelli and John Bendoraitis were in attendance. Administrative Assistant Patti Handy and Director of Public Works Brandon Handfield were also present. Audience: 0.
- 2.0** Motion made by Finelli/Bendoraitis to sign a Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to enter into a contract with State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture for the 2014 Farm Viability Grant. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 3.0** Motion made by Finelli/Bendoraitis to authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement with Willimantic Switchboard Fire Chiefs Association (WW) for dispatch services for the Town beginning July 1, 2015. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 4.0** Motion made by Okonuk/Bendoraitis to award the contract for Liquid Surface Treatment for Leonard Bridge Road to The Gorman Group, LLC, at an estimated cost of \$41,613.70. The Gorman Group submitted the lowest bid for “Liquid Surface Treatment” for District II under CT DAS Contract No 13PSX0262. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 5.0** Motion made by Finelli/Bendoraitis to advertise the position of Highway Foreman in the Public Works Department with a pay range of \$26 - \$28 per hour. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 6.0** Motion made by Finelli/Okonuk to hire Gregg Arndt as a replacement Highway Maintainer for the Public Works Department due to the retirement of James Smith, effective June 1, 2015, with a starting pay rate of \$21.64/hour for a six-month probationary period. Pending a favorable performance review, his wage will increase to \$24.28/hour. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 7.0** Motion made by Bendoraitis/Finelli to authorize the payment of \$815.21 for repairs to the emergency generator at the Fire Complex, funds to come from Emergency Management Fund 228. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 8.0** Motion made by Bendoraitis/Finelli to authorize the payment of \$400.00 for repairs to the emergency generator at the Public Works Department, funds to come from Emergency Management Fund 228. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 9.0** Okonuk provided some new information regarding the processes for joining the Uncas Health District. The state requires the town to conduct a public hearing prior to joining the District. Director of the Uncas Health District Patrick McCormack spoke at the Budget Public Hearing describing the services and costs they provide and answered questions from the public. As such, the state will accept that meeting as the requisite public hearing. Also, the Board of Selectmen can approve the agreement--Town Meeting is not required. The contract is being developed and will be ready for final approval at the June 2, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Present Health Department staff will be notified in writing that their services will no longer be required after June 30, 2015.

**10.0** The Selectmen reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy for excess funds in the Self-Insured Dental Policy as presented by the Finance Director. The revision reflects a method of handling excess funds over and above the reserve. **Motion made by Okonuk/Finelli to approve the revised policy for excess funds in the Self-Insured Dental Policy. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

**11.0 Motion made by Okonuk/Finelli to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce R. Okonuk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman