

Board of Selectmen  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
December 12, 2013 –2:00 pm  
Town Hall  
**MINUTES**

- 1.0** First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Selectmen Linda Finelli and John Bendoraitis and Administrative Assistant Patti Handy were also present. Audience: 3
- 2.0** The following three bids were received for the Senior Center Garage:
- Bazinet, LLC of Lisbon, CT: \$62,450
  - Lost Art Joinery of Lebanon, CT: \$37,800
  - Navan's Excavation of Sterling, CT: \$32,500

The bids will be reviewed and the references checked before awarding the contract. The Selectmen will bring the request for use of TIP funds to the Board of Finance for approval. Some funding may also be available from the Van Grant, exact amount available needs to be verified. This item will be brought back to a future meeting for approval. No action.

**3.0** Interim Resident State Trooper TFC Greg DeCarli was present to discuss the disposal of equipment owned by the Lebanon Police Department. Officer DeCarli said that the department has replaced the firearms used by the constables with the same models used by the State Police. The constables have all expressed an interest in obtaining their older firearms. It was noted that former constable Basil Spedaliere was given his service revolver upon retirement, but as none of the current constables are retiring at this time, they would be eligible to purchase the firearms from the Town. Officer DeCarli presented an estimated value of each weapon at \$375.00. Bendoraitis suggested offering the weapons to the constables at a reduced cost of \$300.00; all agreed. **Motion made by Bendoraitis/Finelli to offer the current constables the option to purchase their old service revolver for \$300; if they are not interested, the weapons will be brokered through an authorized firearms dealer. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

**4.0** Treasurer James Forrest was in attendance to discuss his recommendations for the Town's investments. Forrest presented eight possible options and discussed the pros and cons of each with the Selectmen at length. **Motion made by Finelli/Bendoraitis to direct the Treasurer to invest the \$20,000.00 in proceeds from a bond that has matured into the purchase of AT&T Stock of equal value and to contact Robert Fradette, Financial Consultant with Chelsea Groton Financial Services and Infinex Investments to handle the transaction. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

**5.0** Finance Director Veronica Calvert joined the meeting to discuss closing a low-yield bank account and transferring funds to a higher-yield account for Solid Waste Facility income. She explained that this account is a "sub-account" of Fund Balance but apparently hasn't been rolled over into the general fund for a couple of years and the Selectmen questioned the reason for this. Okonuk said that she would like to see the full history of the account from Savings Institute Bank & Trust and requested more information from the Finance Office before making any changes. No action.

**6.0** **Motion made by Bendoraitis/Finelli to authorize up to \$850.00 for the purchase of a replacement computer and monitor for Social Services which is also used by the Accounting Technician, funds to come from TIP Account #208-00-620-6200** Vote: Yes, unanimous.

**7.0** Executive Session

**7.1** The Selectmen entered into Executive Session at 3:40 pm to discuss property negotiations. Town Planner Philip Chester was invited to stay.

The Selectmen returned to the regular session at 3:46 pm. No action.

- 8.0** Selectmen continued preparing the Operating and Capital budgets for FY 2014-15. Department of Public Works Director Brandon Handfield assisted the Selectmen with filling in the details for DPW requests.
- 9.0** **Motion made by Finelli/Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 pm. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman