

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
April 26, 2012 – 6:30 PM
Town Hall
MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectman Linda Finelli and Town Planner Phil Chester were also present; Selectman John Bendoraitis was absent. Audience: 1.
- 2.0 Town Planner Philip Chester presented a spreadsheet depicting all town-owned land, as determined by Assessor data, with preliminary draft recommendations relative to disposal or reuse of town land. As Chester explained, the town owns a total of 39 parcels, made up of 37 properties, totaling 469.67 acres, exclusive of the Green and town roads. The majority of town-owned properties are well under five acres in size, with ten properties greater than five acres which include such sites as the Transfer Station, three schools, Tyler Field, Senior Center, Fire Complex, etc. The remaining 27 town-owned properties total 46.15 acres and was presented on a spreadsheet indicating address, land use, acreage, property description and comments. Chester recommended to the Selectmen that the list be reviewed by the Conservation and Agricultural Commission and the PZC prior to taking any action.
- 3.0 Donald Favry of Millstream Hunting Preserve was present to request that the Town permit shooting at the Szajda Farm on Sundays. Millstream leases the Szajda farm and wishes to conduct guide-assisted hunting dog training on the farm, including on Sunday. The State of CT requires that Hunting Preserves obtain permission from the Town in which they are located to conduct hunting/shooting on Sundays. Most of the training they perform occurs between April and September 14th. The Szajda family has no objection to the training on Sundays. The guided dog training involves shooting, typically with blanks but occasionally with live ammunition. **Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Finelli to allow hunting on Sundays on the Szajda property on York Road, which is leased by Millstream Hunting Preserve, as allowed by CGS 26-73. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**
- 4.0 **Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Okonuk to approve the 2012-13 Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as proposed by the Board of Selectmen. Vote: Yes, unanimous.** (See attached.)
- 5.0 **Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Okonuk to call the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium. Vote: Yes, unanimous.** (See attached.)
- 6.0 **Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Finelli to add the following non-binding advisory questions to the Referendum ballot for the FY 2012-13 budget as recommended by the Board of Finance:**
a. If you feel the Board of Education budget is at an appropriate level, please skip this question; otherwise, do you feel the Board of Education budget is:
Too High
Too Low
b. If you feel the General Town Government budget is at an appropriate level, please skip this question; otherwise, do you feel the General Town Government budget is:
Too High
Too Low
Vote: Yes, unanimous.

The meeting entered into recess at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened with the WPCA at 7:30 p.m.

- 6.0 The Selectmen requested a meeting with the WPCA to learn more about the re-paving plan included in the Amston Lake Sewer Project. Jason Hofmann, Chairman of the WPCA explained that when the original bid specifications were advertised, the lowest bidder was at \$5.1 million, and he eventually withdrew his bid leaving the next lowest bidder with an proposal that was over the amount of funding available for the project. Consequently, the WPCA had to withdraw several components within the proposal to bring the

price to within available funds. The re-paving portion of the project was one of the functions removed. Members were not overly concerned, however, as the project had a substantial contingency built in, which members felt would be available to cover the re-paving. At present, the project has \$264,394 available in contingency funds. Joyce explained that the Selectmen, Board of Finance and community felt that re-paving would be included in the project and the Selectmen were very interested in working closing with the WPCA to monitor the balance in the project contingency, and if supplemental funds were going to be needed for the overlay, capital funds for paving in FY 12-13 might need to be used. Jason explained that the paving component was only intended to overlay the trench, not the entire road, but Joyce felt that rather than waste paving funds on just the trench, the town and WPCA should work together to properly re-pave all affected roads, doing it once and doing it correctly. The Water Company has also provided funds to the town which are being held in escrow, to assist in the re-paving due to their disturbance of some of the Amston Roads during the recent waterline installations. Joyce will obtain more accurate cost estimates for the repaving of all roads affected by the sewers and will continue to work closely with the WPCA to monitor the project. Joyce also thanked all members of the WPCA for their dedication and time commitment to the sewer project. Board of Finance member Greg Lafontaine was present, supported Joyce's position on the project, and will report back to his board the discussion of the evening.

7.0 Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Finelli to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. 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