

Board of Selectmen  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
June 14, 2011 – 5:00 PM  
Town Hall

**MINUTES**

- 1.0** Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Also in attendance were Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Linda Finelli and Planner Phil Chester and Tax Collector Joyce Hofmann.
- 2.0** Those present constituted the Panel responsible for interviewing four candidates for the position of Assessor. All four interviews were completed with the fifth candidate being interviewed next Monday.
- 3.0** Town Engineer Brandon Handfield from Anchor Engineering joined the meeting at 7:30 PM. He reviewed the proposed plans for the replacement of the Waterman Road Bridge over Pease Brook. He asked permission to solicit bids from qualified bridge installers in an effort to move the project along in a timeline that would allow the bridge to be completed and reopened on or before the opening of school in the fall. Closing Waterman Road and creating a detour will be a real inconvenience for motorists but closing it to buses and having to reroute the bus schedule will create much disruption at the beginning of the school year.  
**Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to waive the bidding requirements for the Waterman Road Bridge over Pease Brook to minimize disruption to school bus routes and to expedite the project. Vote: yes, unanimous**
- Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to authorize Anchor Engineering to solicit bids for the replacement of the Waterman Road Bridge over Pease Brook requiring they solicit from a minimum of eight (8) qualified contractors. Vote: yes, unanimous**
- 4.0** Planner Phil Chester reported that the Cemetery Commission voted to allow the Selectmen to do soil sampling on the Williams Property on Trumbull Highway, with resources coming from the Cemetery Fund. Based on a positive soils report they would recommend continuing to obtain an appraisal on the parcel being considered. Finelli stated she feels the town should not be purchasing land when there is other town-owned land available. Bendoraitis stated that going that route has not worked out in the past inasmuch as the soils were either too wet or the location was not found to be acceptable by the public (the land below the Middle School). He feels strongly the soils should at least be tested and if not suitable, then the site rejected. Okonuk said she feels the cost of excavation on the land below the LMS may be too expensive due to rocks and trees on the site and reiterated the engineer's report that the soils were too wet in that location. The Williams property is fully cleared and would require much less preparation before use.  
**Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to spend up to \$1,000 for a sub-soil evaluation on the Williams parcel. Vote: (2) Yes (1) No Motion carries**
- 5.0** Okonuk had asked the Selectmen to consider the installation of additional wall mounted shelving in the Assessor's Vault to store records from the Finance Office and Tax Collector. At present, they are stored one box upon another on the floor of the vault and are taking up way too much space and have become very difficult to access when needed. Okonuk had received a quote from a local welder who will fabricate 10 heavy duty shelving brackets which will have ¾" plywood shelves.  
**Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to authorize the expenditure of up to \$460.00 for labor and materials to construct wall shelving in the Assessor's Vault, funds to come from Account #208-520-5201, FF&E Discretionary. Vote: yes, unanimous**
- 6.0** Moved by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Vote: yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman