Board of Selectmen **SPECIAL MEETING**

March 22, 2011 – 4:00 PM

Town Hall **MINUTES**

- 1.0 First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Selectman John Bendoraitis, Town Planner Phil Chester and Administrative Assistant Patti Handy were also present. Selectman Linda Finelli was absent. Audience: 16
- 2.0 Phil Chester was present to request that the Selectmen authorize an application to the CT Trust for Historic Preservation for a grant of up to \$50,000 for a community/historic plan. Chester explained the three major purposes for the funds if the grant was approved; discussion followed. Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to authorize the First Selectman to apply for up to \$50,000.00 for a Vibrant Communities Planning Grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation for the purposes outlined in the Town Planner's 3/22/11 memo. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 3.0 Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Bendoraitis to recommend to the Board of Finance the acceptance of a \$15,000.00 Historic Preservation Grant from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation for a historic structures report and conditions assessment of the Jonathan Trumbull Jr. House Museum. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 4.0 Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Bendoraitis to recommend to the Board of Finance the acceptance of a \$20,000.00 Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grant from the CT Commission on Culture & Tourism to begin a historic and architectural survey of the town. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 5.0 Chester was also present to request that the Selectmen authorize an application to Aquarion Water Company for a \$2,500 Environmental Champion Award Grant. Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to authorize the First Selectman to apply for a \$2,500.00 Environmental Champion Award Grant from the Aquarion Water Company, providing that if received, the award would go towards funding Conservation Commission projects. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 6.0 Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Bendoraitis to apply the \$500.00 RC&D Grant for Community Supported Agriculture towards the installation of a raised bed vegetable garden at the Lebanon Senior Center. Vote: Yes, unanimous.
- 7.0 The Selectmen presented a signed Proclamation declaring the week of March 21, 2011 Girl Scout Week in honor of the 99th anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912. Sixteen members of local Girl Scouts and their leaders were present to receive the proclamation, representing every level of scouts other than Daisy Scouts. Okonuk read the proclamation to the audience describing her own experience as a Girl Scout and leader. After the meeting adjourned, the Selectmen enjoyed the homemade desserts that the girls brought to the meeting.
- 8.0 Motion made by Okonuk, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn at 4:24 pm. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman

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