

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
January 25, 2011 – 5:00 PM
Town Hall

MINUTES

- 1.0** First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Linda Finelli and Administrative Assistant Patti Handy were also present. Audience included Lebanon and Windham residents from Card Street. Town Planner Phil Chester was also present.
- 2.0** Okonuk recapped the actions and discussions that have taken place concerning truck traffic on Card Street since the summer of 2010. Resident Dan Reynolds presented the Selectmen with copies of research he had done regarding the definition of Agriculture (as per the Connecticut General Statutes). Dan was strongly in disagreement with the decision of the Planning & Zoning Commission re their interpretation of “agriculture” in the zoning regulations. Other residents explained their concerns, most notably the perceived increase in tractor trailer traffic on the road, the narrowness of the road, and the legality of the Mitlitsky Egg Farm business in a residential area. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted in 2010 to allow a site plan modification for the construction of a replacement refrigeration building at the Mitlitsky facility. Some residents from Card Street feel that the Town’s Planning and Zoning Commission should issue a “cease and desist” order to Mitlitsky Egg Farm as they feel that the nature of the business is in violation of permitted activity within a residential area.

With regard to traffic speed on Card Street, Okonuk said that the Lebanon Police Department had been monitoring traffic since last summer including running radar. According to the Resident Trooper, nothing unusual had been noticed with regard to volume of traffic or speed and to her knowledge, Okonuk said no citations have even been issued. The width of the road and the lack of shoulders were also discussed, and Okonuk said that she would work with the Public Works Department and Town Engineer to evaluate what types of fill or repair might be made in the narrower sections of the road to provide for possible shoulders, better railing and wider driving lanes. The Planning & Zoning Commission conducted a 24-hour traffic count this past summer on Card Street. This baseline data may now be used to compare to any other future traffic counts that are done to determine if in fact, traffic has increased on the road.

In response to resident concerns, the Selectmen agreed to draft a letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission requesting they review the operation at the egg farm to determine if the facility is in compliance with local zoning regulations. The letter will be sent to PZC prior to their meeting on 2/14/2011, a copy of which will be sent to residents, in attendance at the meeting, who provided their email address.

Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to have the First Selectman contact the Planning and Zoning Commission in writing urging them to examine the current use of the Mitlitsky Egg Farm operation to determine whether or not the operation complies with current regulations for present use and location. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

- 3.0** Nothing to discuss re capital budgets.
- 4.0** **Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman