

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
December 28, 2010 – 5:00 PM
Town Hall

MINUTES

- 1.0** Meeting called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk at 5:10PM. Selectmen present included John Bendoraitis and Linda Finelli. Audience: 2
- 2.0** Selectmen were not in agreement about how to proceed with presenting the draft code in final form to Town Meeting. John feels that the latest revision of the Code has been in the Selectmen's possession for over two months and should be brought forward for discussion and action by voters. Linda is opposed to the Code and feels its language may be considered an invasion of privacy to some, resulting in residents not wishing to volunteer on boards and commissions. Joyce has concerns about bringing the Code forward at this time as there are many other higher priority issues to be dealt with this spring including a difficult budget process. She also is not sure the Code is necessarily needed in the community. Joyce to contact other towns to see how much detail is actually included in the Ordinance that passes the Code of Ethics. No action at this time.
- 3.0** Jim Macauley of the Energy Task Force Committee was in attendance to discuss an opportunity provided by Direct Choice. The Direct Choice Energy Program (DCEP) is offering a reduced rate per Kwh to other towns in our area including Coventry, Hampton, Hebron, Marlborough and Windham. Jim explained the program was passed by the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Group and those members had a favorable response. The Energy Committee did have concerns about the amount of green power involved in the DCEP option, although the rates would be lower than what our residents are presently paying. John reminded everyone that one third of the town is provided electricity through Bozrah Light & Power, a utility that does not involve itself in the green energy programs. The resulting two thirds of the residents could, however, choose to join this new program. Conceptually the Selectmen support the Direct Energy proposal. Jim will speak with the other towns already involved indicating Lebanon's interest. He will invite Sterling Planet and Neighbor-to-Neighbor representatives to the Task Force's January meeting to discuss the DCEP and other green options and will report back to the Selectmen with the findings.
- 4.0** Joyce notified the Selectmen that she had given the Assessor verbal permission to file for a one-month extension on filing the 2010 Grand List with the State. No action needed.
- 5.0** Selectmen began to review their operating budgets. Public Works Foreman Tom Conley participated in the discussion of the Public Works budget. Two more budget workshops will be set up and warned to continue the review process.
- 6.0** Moved by Linda, seconded by John to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Vote: Yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman