

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
Lyman Memorial High School Library
September 28, 2010 – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

- 1.0** First Selectman Joyce Okonuk called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm; Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Linda Finelli were also in attendance. Public Works Foreman Tom Conley and five members of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Janet Tyler, Business Manager Mal Leichter and Building Superintendant Jody Walsh were also present.
- 2.0** The Board of Selectmen discussed the following items with members of the Lebanon Board of Education Facilities Sub-Committee:

 - 2.1** Board of Ed member Melissa Hofmann explained the purpose for the meeting was to determine the best course of action to assure that the Lebanon Schools were plowed/sanded this coming winter. Tom Conley, Public Works Foreman reported that although many years ago the Board of Ed plowed the schools with their own equipment and staff, little by little, over the years, the equipment has not been replaced and little by little more and more of the plowing has been delegated to the Public Works Department. With the increase in demands for regular plowing of town gravel roads, with the increase of two large sub-divisions with an additional four roads and the recent building of a senior center and municipal parking lot, there simply are not enough town-owned plow trucks/drivers to meet the town and Board of Education needs. Many options were discussed by members of the Board of Selectmen and Education as well as the Business Manager and Facilities Manager. The final recommendation by Hofmann was that the Selectmen and Board of Education present two options to the Board of Finance—either to lease or purchase a truck with plow to handle the school needs. John Bendoraitis suggested we look globally – knowing we have schools and public buildings with a manpower and equipment shortage – we could possibly look at sub-contracting out the work. Conley had received proposals from Bakaj Construction and B&W Paving and he cited the costs for each firm to plow snow. Keith Wentworth and Jody Walsh will investigate costs and report back to the Board of Education at their next meeting.
 - 2.2** Okonuk explained that the wind turbine project was nearly complete. A 7' fence must be installed around the concrete pad with a pass-through gate. This is required by the Building Official to provide safety around the turbine tower. Three quotes have been solicited for the fence ranging from \$2,000 to \$2,800. Attendees questioned who approved the expenditures to date that have been spent on the project, from Board of Education funds. The Business Manager explained that money left over in the oil account was used to fund the concrete pad, conduit, electrician costs, and other expenses totaling \$14,000. The Board of Selectmen have authorized the expenditure of approximately \$1,600 in remaining funds from an Energy Grant obtained by the town and up to an additional \$900 from discretionary TIP funds to assist in paying remaining unpaid expenses. The Business Manager and Superintendent were asked by the Board of Ed members to examine education budgets to see where the \$2,000 could be located to fund the fence installation, requiring them to return to the next monthly meeting with the results. Inasmuch as the project began over one year ago, it was the recommendation of John Bendoraitis that the Selectmen use TIP funds to pay for the fence and get the project finished. Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to fund up to \$2,000.00 from TIP Account #208-510-5117, Buildings & Grounds – to complete the fencing required at the wind turbine project. Vote: Yes, unanimous

2.3 The Board of Education has been contacted by Ed Keefe, owner of approximately 1.5 acres land located on the south end of the Middle School property, just behind Jasper's convenience/gas station, which Mr. Keefe also owns. Mr. Keefe has generously allowed the school to use this property for parking and other purposes over the past several years and is now interested in selling the land, offering it first to the school or town. Board of Education members and Selectmen are interested in pursuing negotiations or discussions with Mr. Keefe in the immediate future.

3.0 Moved by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM. 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