

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
Town Hall
August 31, 2010 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

- 1.0** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectman John Bendoraitis was present and Selectman Linda Finelli was absent. Audience: 3

- 2.0** Three bids for traditional reclamation and paving were opened as follows:

Hain Material	\$126,621
Charles Pasteryak Jr. Inc.	\$119,300
All States Asphalt, Inc.	\$115,400

Selectmen chose to take no action until the bids in 3.0 were opened.

- 3.0** Three bids for cold, in-place recycling were opened as follows:

Comer Contracting Inc.	\$133,700
The Gorman Group	no bid at this time
B&W Paving & Landscaping	\$129,628

Selectmen discussed with Public Works Foreman Tom Conley the bids submitted for both the traditional method of reclaiming and paving versus the new process of cold, in-place recycling. It was the decision of the Selectmen that based on the bids submitted for both processes they would choose the traditional method and award to All States Asphalt as opposed to the new process this year. Consequently, no action was taken on the award for cold, in-place recycling.

Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to award the contract for reclamation, grading & paving of Waterman Road to All States Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$115,400, funds to come from Annual Capital Expense, Account #220-020-5347. Vote: Yes, unanimous

- 4.0** As part of the town's open space preservation program, funds have been expended on the 57-acre Cyr property for survey and appraisals to date. Recent appraisal information showed an increase in the land area of 10 acres resulting in the conservation easement value increasing by \$21,000. The USDA will provide \$11,000 (or 50%) of the difference but requires a minimum 25% "match" of \$5,250, with the remaining 25% to be "donated" by the Cyr family. Connecticut Farmland Trust has already committed over \$50,000 toward the purchase of the easement. As the town of Lebanon has significant funds in their Capital Budget for this purpose, Selectmen agree the matching funds should be granted. Motion by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to recommend to the Board of Finance to request Town Meeting release up to \$5,250 from Town Capital Reserve, Account #220-900-5469, Open Space, for the purpose of contributing toward the development rights purchase of the 57-acre Cyr Farm. Vote: Yes, unanimous

- 5.0** Following their last inspection of the Mack Road Bridge over Pease Brook, the Connecticut DOT recommended that the Mack Road Bridge be immediately closed to all traffic. Mack Road Bridge and two other bridges in town that have been rated "critical" have been watched carefully by the DOT, receiving quarterly inspections. Following an inspection by DOT the beginning of August and again last week, the Mack Road Bridge is at the stage where DOT engineers are concerned about vehicular safety as the corrugated pipe under the road has rusted through at the bottom, causing the pipe to sink and possibly collapse the bridge deck. Selectmen brought these bridges to the attention of the Board of Finance this past budget season and met with them again in August to discuss funding options for their replacement. The funding data will be brought back to Finance on September 9th. The Selectmen will await their decision.

Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to close the Mack Road Bridge effective September 1, 2010 (tomorrow) until such time as the town can affect repair/replacement of the bridge. Vote: Yes, unanimous

The Public Works Department has already installed the bridge closure signs, cones and jersey barriers which will be moved into place early tomorrow morning. Notices have been published in the Norwich Bulletin and The Chronicle and on the town web site.

- 6.0** Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to authorize the First Selectmen to sign the Resolution for the FY 2009 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 4 Memorandum of Agreement. Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 7.0** The Wind Turbine at the Middle School has been completely installed including the turbine itself and all underground cables/connections to the monitoring building. It has not yet been made operational—Okonuk to contact the school and/or Keith Frame of the CCEF to see what is holding up the start of this turbine. The wind turbine and tower were provided at no cost to the town through a Connecticut Clean Energy Funds grant. There were other costs associated with the installation, paid for by the Lebanon Board of Education, of approximately \$14,100. The remaining expenses(unpaid) include a bill for the electrician of \$2,723, the purchase of a plaque to be mounted on the monitoring building to recognize those businesses that donated to the project, and fencing to surround the turbine should that be required by the Building Inspector. There is still \$1,000 available in the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Community Innovation Grant (CIG) which the Energy Committee has agreed to use for this purpose. The Selectmen also have offered up to \$900 in TIP funds should they be needed. Joyce will contact the School's Business Manager and/or Superintendent of School to discuss all remaining expenses and proceed to see that those expenses are paid with the funds previously identified. Once finished, a final report will be provided to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education.
- 8.0** Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 PM. Vote: Yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce R. Okonuk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman