

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
April 20, 2010 – 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: 4

2.0 The Selectmen and Chairman Jason Hofmann of the WPCA discussed adopting a Resolution with respect to an Appropriation and Borrowing Authorization for the Amston Lake Area Sewer Project. Motion made by Okonuk seconded by Finelli to adopt a Resolution with respect to an Appropriation and Borrowing Authorization for the Amston Lake Area Sewer Project.
Vote: Yes, unanimous.

3.0 The Selectmen discussed the 2010 - 2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Motion made by Finelli seconded by Bendoraitis to accept the 2010 - 2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Vote: Yes, unanimous (see attachment).

4.0 The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the Legal Warning for the Annual Town Meeting. Okonuk explained that the extreme length was due to the language required by the Bond Counsel for the Amston Lake Sewer Project Referendum. Bendoraitis also expressed his concern that the majority of the people who will vote on the referendum will not see all of the information and background on the project. Discussion followed. Motion made by Finelli seconded by Okonuk to call the annual Town Meeting, including the adjournment to Referendum, on May 3, 2010 at 7:30 PM at Lyman Memorial High School Auditorium (see attachment). Vote: Yes (2) Okonuk and Finelli, No (1) Bendoraitis. Motion passes.

5.0 The Selectmen discussed adding the following non-binding advisory questions to the Referendum ballot for the budget as recommended by the Board of Finance:

a. If you feel the Board of Education budget is at an appropriate level, please skip this question; otherwise, do you feel the Board of Education budget is:

Too High

Too Low

b. If you feel the General Town Government budget is at an appropriate level, please skip this question; otherwise, do you feel the General Town Government budget is:

Too High

Too Low

There is still some question as to whether or not the advisory question would be on the front of the ballot or the back. All agreed that it should be on the front, if space allows.

Motion made by Finelli seconded by Okonuk to add the above-mentioned non-binding advisory questions to the Referendum ballot for the budget as recommended by the Board of Finance. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

6.0 A replacement air conditioning unit is needed for the Tax Office as the old unit is no longer functioning. Motion made by Okonuk seconded by Bendoraitis to authorized the purchase of a replacement air conditioning unit for the tax office, amount not to exceed \$400, funds to come from TIP, Account #208-610-5227. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

7.0 The Town went out to bid for renovations to the hall, kitchen and hallways at the Fire Safety Complex. The only bidder, Jim Mather of Pioneer Woodworking, was present to discuss the specifics concerning his bid and the project. Motion made by Bendoraitis seconded by Finelli to award the contract for renovations to the Fire Safety Complex Hall and Kitchen to Pioneer Woodworking in the amount of \$19,995.00, funds to come from Annual Capital Expense Account #220-020-5112. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

8.0 The Tobacco Street Bridge is fully designed and ready to go out to bid for construction. As all construction funding will be coming from the State DOT Fix it First Fund, Julie Gorges at the CT DOT has sent authorization allowing the project to go out to bid – the actual contract is in final review and will be forwarded within the next two to three weeks. Timing is of the essence as the majority of the work needs to be completed during the summer months while school is out. A detour will be required and was reviewed by all present. Construction funding and engineering oversight has been approved by DOT for up to \$753,000.00. Design costs of up to \$80,000 have come from Capital Reserve – Highway Road and Bridge Plan. The bid will go out on April 22, 2010, and will close on May 20, 2010. The schedule is for work to begin by July 1, 2010 and end by November 1, 2010. Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to go out to bid for the construction of the Tobacco Street Bridge. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

9.0 The Selectmen reviewed the three quotes received for printing the Annual Report: Adkins Printing - \$625.00; Graphic Image - \$860.00; Print Solutions - \$651.00. Motion made by Okonuk seconded by Finelli to award the bid for printing of the Town Annual Report to Adkins Printing in the amount of \$625.00, funds to come from Town Report Account # 100-412-5620. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

10.0 Motion made by Bendoraitis seconded by Finelli to adjourn at 5:30 PM. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman