

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
November 23, 2009 – 5:30 PM
Town Hall

MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk at 5:30 PM. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Linda Finelli were present. Audience: 5
- 2.0 WPCA member Dave Martin brought the Selectmen up-to-date on the pending DEP Consent Order. A request for an extension to sign the Consent Order was denied by the DEP. The language changes in the Order recommended by the WPCA were found acceptable by George Hicks of the DEP. Dave reiterated that everyone is working toward a common goal to settle this matter with the State.

Bendoraitis doesn't see anything in the Order that would be impacted whether or not the Referendum passes or fails. It does show good faith on the town's behalf to sign the Order by the due date.

A Town Ordinance passed at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting states that any project with a significant mil rate impact then must be brought only to the Annual Town Meeting (not a Special Town Meeting). The language as stated will make it impossible to bring the sewer project back again for a vote should it fail at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting Referendum. Dave doesn't think the State will find a year delay acceptable. Okonuk said that should it be necessary, the Selectmen may have to bring the Ordinance back to Town Meeting to have it repealed to allow the project to be revised and re-voted in a timely manner.

Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Consent Order issued by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection as recommended by the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). Vote: yes, unanimous

- 3.0 Energy Task Force Committee members Kara Fishman and Jim Macauley along with Kerry O'Neill of Earth Markets presented information on a Department of Energy Block Grant entitled, "Connecticut Community Energy Savings Project". Kerry represents a partnership/collaboration of for-profit and not-for-profit organizations interested in forming a collaborative that will apply for and utilize Federal Stimulus funding for energy conservation measures in residential homes in the respective towns in the consortium. Funds come directly from the federal government – Department of Energy. Kara submitted a letter of interest on November 19th and December 14th is the deadline for submitting the grant application.

Okonuk left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

The DoE Block Grant will be added as an action item to the regular Selectmen's Meeting in December.

- 4.0 Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Vote: yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk
First Selectman