

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
November 19, 2009 – 5:00 PM
Town Hall
MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectmen present were John Bendoraitis and Linda Finelli. Audience: 4
- 2.0 As requested at a prior meeting, the First Selectman obtained two quotes for carpet installation in the Children's Library following the asbestos abatement. She recommended awarding the project to the lowest bidder.
Moved by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to award the installation of carpet tile and ceramic tile in the Children's Library at the Jonathan Trumbull Library to Williams Flooring in the amount of \$5,278.64, as part of the Library Asbestos Abatement Project, funds to come from Fund Balance as approved by Special Town Meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 3.0 Now that funding has become available for the replacement of the Tobacco Street Bridge, it is the recommendation of the First Selectman that this project be added to the Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2009-10. Once approved by Town Meeting, the bridge project will then be eligible to receive LoCIP reimbursement (as funding is available).
Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to approve a revised Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2009-10 (see attached). Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 4.0 Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to call a Special Town Meeting for Monday, December 7, 2009 at Lyman Memorial High School at 7:30 PM (see attached). Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 5.0 Selectmen reviewed the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Consent Order with Paul Oliver and Dave Martin of the Water Pollution Control Authority. WPCA members had made modifications to the Order. Dave provided an overview of the septage situation on Amston Lake stating there are approximately 300 properties, 200 of which are seasonal on small lots. Many have old or undocumented septic systems. Existing deficient systems cannot be upgraded to meet State health code.
- In 1986 the DEP issued an order to the Town to investigate possible pollution on properties near Amston Lake. The order was never appealed by the Town and ignored until 2005. The State Department of Health (DPH) is now involved in addition to the DEP and the Attorney General's Office. The Town received a Notice of Violation from the DEP in April 2009 that stated the November 2007 report from Wright-Pierce had not been acted on. On October 9, 2009 the town received a letter from the DEP indicating if the town does not move the sewer project forward to a vote, the DEP will refer the matter to the State's Attorney General.
- The Consent Order must be signed by December 1st. If ignored, tiered penalties could be levied against the town. Dave further stated that although no one wants to pay for something they don't use, the bottom line is that wastewater disposal is a health issue for the town, not just the lake residents. Finance approved funding a detailed analysis of the cost of the sewer project – data due in by December 17th.
- The WPCA needs to work closely with the Selectmen, Finance Board and PZC as they move forward, especially with regard to the PZC regulations. The WPCA members have made a few minor modifications to the Consent Order and associated timeline. They will forward changes to the Hicks and bring back a revised Order to the Selectmen when completed.
- 6.0 Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. Vote: yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman

