

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
August 28, 2009 – 8:00 AM
Town Hall

MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk at 8:15 AM. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Russ Blakeslee were in attendance. Audience: 2
- 2.0 Selectmen discussed the request by the Board of Finance to have the Selectmen place a non-binding advisory question on the ballot for the November 3, 2009 municipal election re voting separately on the Town and Board of Education budgets. Much discussion ensued with Bendoraitis and Okonuk not supporting the concept of a split vote but did support bringing the question to the voters to decide. Blakeslee supports splitting the budget vote and is pleased to see this question on the ballot.
Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to request the Town Clerk to obtain permission from the Secretary of State's Office to add a non-binding advisory question on the ballot for the November 3, 2009 municipal election which states, "*Shall the Town of Lebanon adopt an Ordinance permitting the Municipal and Board of Education budgets be split and voted on separately? Yes or No*"
Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 3.0 No action.
- 4.0 Members of the Rails-to-Trails Committee asked the Selectmen to considering waiving the bid requirements for the purchase of stone dust for the Rails-to-Trails Project Sections 3 and 4. Chairman Donna Koenig was present and explained members were concerned about the varying quality of stone dust that must be purchased through a general bid. The Committee has had great success in the past with Becker's stone dust – it packs well and holds up to traffic. They are requesting permission to order the same type again – same product the Town uses on the walking path on the Green, without going out to bid. Estimated cost is \$24,000 to finish Sections 3 and 4.
Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to waive the bid solicitation requirements for the stone dust needed to complete the Rails-to-Trails Project, Section 3 and 4, due to the variations in specifications and quality of product.
Vote: Yes, unanimous
The Selectmen thanked Donna and her Committee for their dedicated efforts in seeing the Rails-to-Trails Project through to completion.
- 5.0 Phil Chester, Town Planner, asked the Selectmen to consider waiving bid requirements for conservation easement property surveys for properties approved at the 8-24-09 Town Meeting. Selectmen felt that the bidding requirements should not be waived in this circumstance and requested the Planner put the survey work out to bid.
- 6.0 Blakeslee Construction has replaced the ice-clips that fell off the roof of the Fire Complex at the beginning of last winter. Frank Blakeslee submitted an invoice for the materials (screws/grommets/caulk) to re-install the original clips as well as additional clips he felt needed to be added. The invoice had a labor component and it was the opinion of Okonuk and Bendoraitis that the re-install of the original clips should be done as warrantee work but they were willing to pay Frank for 50% of the labor as the installation of the additional clips was work beyond the original contract specifications. Moved by Bendoraitis to pay Blakeslee Construction \$657.00 for the re-installation and new installation of ice clips on the roof of the FSC. Vote: Yes (Okonuk/Bendoraitis) Abstained (Blakeslee) Motion carried.
- 7.0 Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Okonuk to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 AM. Vote: Yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk
First Selectman