

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
Town Hall
May 18, 2009 – 8:30 AM
MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Russ Blakeslee were also present. Audience: 2
- 2.0 Town Planner Phil Chester explained to the Selectmen that three properties in Lebanon were being considered for federal funding for assist with the purchase of development rights under the USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection Program. The properties are: Slate property on Trumbull Highway (33 acres), Cyr property on Trumbull Highway (46 acres) and the Mindel property on Norwich Avenue (30 acres). The purchase of the development rights (conservation easements) will be split three ways; USDA (50%), Ct. Farmland Trust (25%) and the property owners will forfeit the value of the final 25% (and will not receive compensation for that portion of the value). If the Selectmen agree to participate, the town, through the Open Space Program, will allocate \$4,500 per farm for appraisal costs and \$7,000 per farm for survey.

Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to authorize the First Selectman to make applications for the 2009 U.S.D.A. Farm and Ranchland Protection Program for the Slate, Cyr and Mindel farms.

Vote: yes, unanimous

- 3.0 The Selectmen again reviewed the list of lights scheduled to be discontinued as of 7/1/09. Phil Chester stated he had spoken with the Chairman of the PZC, Jim Jahoda, who expressed safety concerns with some of the lights. Selectmen and Phil discussed several possible changes that resulted in some consensus. Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Bendoraitis to add the following public street lights to the list of CL&P lights that will not be discontinued:

Pole # 462	Burnham Road and Trumbull Highway
Pole # 326	Town Garage yard
Pole # 750	West Town Street and entrance to walking path on Green
Pole #2167	Intersection of Exeter and Trumbull Highways (in Center)

Vote: yes, unanimous

- 4.0 The municipal budget has passed Referendum and the Selectmen need to make the decision regarding whether or not the Community Center Pool will be opened for the season. There are adequate funds in place to pay for the yearly cost of opening/closing, electricity and pool chemicals in the Community Center budget. The Rec Commission is only opening pool weekdays for swim lessons followed by one hour of open swim, with the lessons covering the cost of the instructors for the lessons. The Rec Commission has also developed a new program that will allow the public to rent the pool/lifeguards for private pool parties. The cost will be \$50 for two lifeguards for two hours (funds to go to Rec Commission to off-set costs) and \$50 to rent the pool (funds to go to Community Center fund). In addition, renters will be required to place a \$50 deposit to cover any damage that may be caused during the party. Without problems, that \$50 will be refunded. Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to proceed to advise the Rec Coordinator that the pool shall be opened for the Summer Season under the following conditions:

- Pool safety drain system is installed prior to opening – funds to come from TIP
- Rec staff will continue to investigate the shower installation (costs, etc.)
- Pool will ONLY be open to public for swim lessons and one hour of public swim
- Pool available for rental for private swim parties for a net cost of \$100 to help offset costs.

Vote: yes, unanimous

- 5.0 Selectmen met with Paul Oliver of Amston Lake, the last candidate to be interviewed for appointment to the WPCA. The Selectmen felt Mr. Oliver's varied background would allow him to be a contributing member of the WPCA.
Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to appoint Lebanon resident Paul Oliver to the WPCA for a one-year term, expiring on May 1, 2010.
Vote: yes, unanimous
- 6.0 Selectmen reviewed YTD expenses in the TIP account. With carry-over from previous years, the available balance in TIP is \$46,190. With an additional \$48,000 budgeted for FY 09-10, as of July 1st a total of \$94,000 will be available. Of the \$46,190, Selectmen have agreed to fund approximately \$30,000 in projects. No further action needed at this time.
- 7.0 Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 AM.
Vote: yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk
First Selectman