

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
Town Hall
May 8, 2009 – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectman Russ Blakeslee was present.
- 2.0 Selectmen then proceeded to 407 Tobacco Street to meet with Town Engineer.
- 3.0 Selectman John Bendoraitis and Town Engineer Brandon Handfield met Okonuk and Blakeslee at the Tobacco Street Bridge over the Ten Mile Brook. Brandon explained that funding to replace the bridge had become available through the Stimulus Funds (ARRA Funds). The cost to design, construct and inspect the bridge would be up to \$600,000. ARRA Funds will cover all costs at 100% except for the design. Costs to town are expected to be approximately 10% of total cost i.e. \$60,000. Brandon has already met at the site with a representative of DOT who reviewed the preliminary plans and explained that DOT should give the town the final okay for the funding within the next two weeks. This bridge has been identified by DOT as having significant deficiencies and should be replaced as soon as possible.
Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to authorize the First Selectman to enter into agreements with the State DOT to utilize ARRA funds to rebuild the Tobacco Street Bridge over the Ten Mile Brook. Vote: yes, unanimous
- 4.0 Selectmen drove back to the Town Hall.
- 5.0 At 2:45 PM, Selectmen met with interview team to review resumes and letters of interest from candidates interested in being appointed to the WPCA. Returned to Town Hall at 2:45 pm to meet with members of WPCA interview team.
- 6.0 Selectmen, Denis Greci (DEP) and Bob Powitz (Director of Health) interviewed four candidates.
- 7.0 Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to appoint the following Lebanon residents to the WPCA, with terms as follows:
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| David Benjamin | 1 year |
| Al Wilder | 2 years |
| Dave Martin | 2 years |
| Brandon Handfield | 3 years |
| Yaw Nsiah | 3 years |
| Jason Hofmann | 3 years |
- Vote: yes, unanimous

The Selectmen decided to hold up on the seventh appointment (one-year term) until such time as Okonuk may interview a remaining candidate.

Okonuk will set up the first meeting and will notify candidates in their letters of appointment. Denis Greci will attend the first meeting and provide members with a general overview of WPCA responsibilities. The second meeting will include an invitation to the DEP liaisons Joe Higgins and George Hicks as well as George Braccio from Wright-Pierce, the consultants who completed the water quality study. These guests will be asked to specifically discuss the Consent Order and results of the study completed by Wright-Pierce.

- 8.0 Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 PM. Vote: yes, unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk, First Selectman