

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
Town Hall
April 14, 2009 – 11:15

MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 11:19 AM by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Russ Blakeslee were in attendance.
- 2.0 In response to a request from the Plan of Conservation and Development Committee (POCD), the Selectmen discussed their goals and objectives for the next ten years. Their comments will be provided to the POCD for the Committee's review and inclusion in the new plan to be finalized in 2010.
Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to submit goals/objectives including:
- *Maintain elected town officials and a town meeting form of government.*
 - *Pursue alternative energy options to decrease reliance on fossil fuel electricity.*
 - *Identify and address space needs at Town Hall and Jonathan Trumbull Library.*
 - *Address and remediate environmental concerns at Amston Lake.*
 - *Evaluate facilities, needs and location of Public Works Department.*
 - *Implement town parking recommendations i.e. Alden Tavern and Trumbull Library.*
- Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 3.0 The Board discussed the present and past practice of making appointments to boards and commissions. Okonuk said that past practice of the boards she had served with for over the past fourteen years was to make appointments of only year-round residents. This was particularly true when the Flood & Erosion Control Board was re-established in the early 90's as there were several seasonal residents on Lake Williams interested in being appointed. It was decided at that time that season residents would not sit on boards. It recently came to the Selectmen's attention that a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission, whose term expires in June, is a seasonal resident. Selectmen agreed that although they would not have asked him to resign mid-term, inasmuch as the term is ending, they will not reappoint him to the IWC. To provide better reference for future Selectmen, the Board will make a motion at the next Selectmen's meeting to reiterate this practice with a written policy pertaining to appointments. The resident will be notified by letter.
- 4.0 Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PM.
Vote: Yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk
First Selectman