

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
December 23, 2008 – 10:00 AM
Town Hall

MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Russ Blakeslee were also present. Audience: 1
- 2.0 Planner Phil Chester explained to the Board that he was seeking the authorization to hire a professional appraiser to provide a Yellow Book appraisal on the property owned by Jon and Donna Slate at 595 Trumbull Highway. The Slates have offered an Open Space Easement on their property to the Town. All Yellow Book appraisals cost \$4,500, regardless of the appraiser used, and are required by the State of Connecticut for participation in the Open Space Program.

Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to waive the bidding requirements and allow the Planner to select the qualified appraiser for this project inasmuch as all qualified appraisers will charge the same amount for a Yellow Book appraisal. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to authorize the expenditure of up to \$4,500 for the appraisal of the property at 595 Trumbull Highway for the purpose of providing an Open Space Easement, funds to come from Capital Non-recurring Budget, Open Space Funds, as earmarked for appraisals by Town Meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 3.0 The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended that the 10% maintenance bond be released on Grand View Drive. An inspection of the road by the Town Engineer indicates that all work has been completed as required and the road has held for the one year of the bond without any problems.
Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to release the maintenance bond on Grand View Drive as recommended by the PZC and to notify Jewett City Savings Bank and ARM Associates, LLC accordingly. Vote: Yes, unanimous
- 4.0 Selectmen reviewed two solicited quotes to repair/replace the collapsed retaining wall at the front of the Town Hall. Selectmen had some questions on the proposal submitted by one vendor and the First Selectman was asked to call and obtain clarification. She will do so and bring back to the next meeting.
- 5.0 No action.
- 6.0 Selectmen began their review of Operating Budgets for FY 2010. Will continue at next meeting.
- 7.0 No action.
- 8.0 Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 AM. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk
First Selectman