

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
Town Hall
July 29, 2008 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 6:20 PM by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Russ Blakeslee were also present.
- 2.0 The Selectmen discussed the concept of using a portion of the paving funds to do chip sealing on some of the roads that are in relatively good condition. The chip sealing process helps to preserve the road and provide some protection until full paving is needed again. It is anticipated that the cost of chip seal would be considerably less than paving, especially with the present high cost of asphalt. After much discussion it was agreed that the roads identified by the First Selectman to pave this year needed to be done, and for this fiscal year, no funds would be diverted to chip seal. The Selectmen will, however, consider chip sealing next year as part of the paving program. Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to proceed to advertise for the 2008 paving of Lebanon roads. Vote: yes, unanimous.
- 3.0 The First Selectman, joined by three former members of the Lebanon Green Planting Committee, are interested in applying for a State grant that will provide up to \$8,000.00 in funding to plant trees, shrubs and perennials on the property of the new Senior Center. The Town will provide in-kind contributions including volunteer hours, the use of Public Works equipment and staff for planting, and other donated services and products to provide the \$8,000.00 in matching funds required. The plantings will not only enhance the beauty of the Senior Center site but will provide shade and other energy benefits to the building. One of the volunteer members is an employee of Prides Corner Farms and he and Prides will work with the town to provide the plantings at a considerable savings. Moved by Russ, seconded by John to authorize the First Selectman to submit an America the Beautiful Grant through the State Department of Environmental Protection for the purposes described. Vote: yes, unanimous
- 4.0 The Selectmen agreed to set up a panel to participate in the interviews of the Public Works Foreman applicants. The First Selectman to set up dates and provide info to all involved.
- 5.0 Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to approve the job description of the part-time Building and Grounds Maintainer and to authorize the advertisement of the position. Vote: yes, unanimous
- 6.0 Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Okonuk to approve a 3% wage increase for all part-time, non-union town employees, retroactive to July 1, 2008. Vote: yes, unanimous
- 7.0 No action.
- 8.0 Executive Session:
Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to enter into Executive Session at 7:15 PM for the purpose of discussing pending Union negotiations. Vote: yes, unanimous

The Selectmen returned to Regular Session at 7:20 PM.
- 9.0 Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendoraitis to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. Vote: yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk
First Selectman

