

Board of Selectmen  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
Town Hall  
January 7, 2008 - 6:30 PM

**MINUTES**

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk at 6:45 PM. Selectman Russ Blakeslee was present. Selectman John Bendoraitis was absent due to vacation.
- 2.0 The Selectmen met with the Town Center Parking Lot Committee to review previously discussed parking lot plans for Trumbull Library. The condition of the roadway and parking area behind the Jonathan Trumbull Library is very poor and the number of parking spaces is totally inadequate given the demands of library patrons, church patrons, and visitors to the walking path. Special consideration of the request by the First Congregational Church must be given as stated in the minutes of their Special Church Meeting of 6/22/03 which includes the relocation of their septic leaching field that would be under the newly paved proposed parking area. As the Selectmen are preparing budget submissions for FY 08-09, it was recommended that a Capitol request should be made to start setting aside funding for this project. Cost estimates are now around \$350-\$400,000, after adjusting the preliminary costs provided by Reichter and Cegan from nearly five years ago. Should STEAP funds become available in the future, they could be used to supplement any town set-aside that may be in the Capitol budget.

Committee members and Selectmen agreed to submit a STEAP application for funding for the Alden Tavern Parking Lot Project again this year. Senate Bill 469 was submitted last year by Senator Prague and Representative Ryan seeking \$300,000 in funding for the project, but the bill died in the Commerce Committee. Senators Prague and DeFronzo will resubmit this year.

- 3.0. Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Okonuk to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Vote: yes, unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk  
First Selectman