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BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2010 7:30 P.M. SHOVE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Gerald Stomski, First Selectman
Barbara K. Perkinson, Selectman

Absent: George Hale, III, Selectman

Also Present: about nine townspeople and Jamie Cura; VOICES

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Stomski called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 PM in the Shove Building Conference Room.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Privilege of the Floor

Richard Snider, of 93 Rail Tree Hill Road, asked that the minutes of June 24, 2010 be amended as per his request by correspondence submitted earlier in the day. First Selectman Stomski told Mr. Snider that the correspondence would be addressed later in the meeting. Mr. Snider continued with making observations about the recent Town Meeting and the procedure that Mr. DeLuca used. He noted that those townspeople who could vote at the Town Meeting had to own \$1,000 or greater worth of property or own real estate. Was the vote correct? How do you know, do you know all those people who attended the meeting? There may have been people present from other towns who voted, which would directly affect the taxpayers of Woodbury. No one checked to make certain everyone in attendance was in fact a Woodbury resident, which would have resulted in an invalid vote. He is also concerned about Mr. DeLuca's procedure regarding the Charter Revision Commission. Mr. Snider believed that the Town Meeting procedure that Mr. DeLuca used should be addressed by the Charter Revision Commission and they do not have privilege of the floor at those meetings where he would like to bring this up. Mr. Stomski answered Mr. Snider by saying he would take Mr. Snider's concerns under consideration and also noted that he knew the people present at the Town Meeting, but Mr. Snider's point was well taken. The Charter Revision Commission does have public hearings, but he could not speak to the procedure used at the regular meetings and would follow up on these suggestions.

Martha Sherman noted that both registrars were at the Town Meeting, with their lists. She also questioned the special meeting regarding the Energy Committee as to why it was necessary, could not the information have been discussed at the regular Board of Selectmen meeting? Mr. Stomski answered her by saying that the special meeting was in regards to a grant and information had to be filed timely, there were time frames with deadlines to consider. The legal agenda was posted with the Town Clerk, timely.

Norma Weisbrich, an owner of Grey Fox Woods subdivision, read a statement and a copy was submitted to First Selectman Stomski. Mr. Stomski thanked her for the statement; he will look into her concerns, get some answers and discuss at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. She also noted that the previous administration did not take action.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. June 24, 2010

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and First Selectman Stomski seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 24, 2010 with the following corrections:

Page 1, Privilege of the Floor should read “**Richard Snider** stated that over the months he has attended Boards of Selectmen and Finance meetings **noticed** an emphasis on procedure by the Board of Selectmen. **Mr. Snider stated** “Procedure has not been followed. Martha Sherman made recommendations from the Democratic Town Committee (DTC), they were not followed, according to Robert’s Rules of Order, specifically, Article 3. There was a quasi motion to consider the DTC procedure. **This was not in** compliance, according to Chapter 606 of the Woodbury Town Charter. He then quoted Section 5 of Robert’s Rules of Order.” Mr. Snider was told Section 202 of the Charter was followed, the Board of Selectmen discussed Policy and Procedure. The motion could not have been done because this was not a Town Meeting. There was no reason to send this to the Charter Revision Commission. The Board of Selectmen had the option to include the recommendation into the minutes or not. But, the submission cannot be ignored. The Woodbury Republican Town Committee **and** Democratic Town Committee are to review the recommendations. First Selectman Stomski thanked Mr. Snider for his interpretation **of the previous meeting but did not share his opinion.** This will be picked up later in the agenda. **The Board of Selectmen had looked at procedure, historically,** and used the consensus to adopt the policy. There is a **procedure** in place to handle appointments, according to the Charter.

Page 2, under New Business, first paragraph, should read “A memo was...support **development of specifications for** the balcony restoration in the Old Town Hall.”

Page 3, first full paragraph, should read “Section 402...employees. **Is this transferred from one administration to the next?** Is it...Town Counsel was **consulted** and their **opinion was read into the minutes.** **As a point of order,** the Board of Selectmen should consider **voting to delegate authority.**

Page 3, first full motion should read “**MOTION:** Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Stomski seconded to **provide the authority** to the First Selectman hire employees, pursuant to Section 402 of the Woodbury Town Charter.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.”

5. Contributions

First Selectman Stomski reported on a number of contributions:

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Stomski seconded to accept the following contributions:

- a. From Woodbury Junior Women's Club, in the amount of \$300 to be used for Woodbury Parks and Recreation Concert series.
- b. To the Town of Woodbury, from the Women's Club, in the amount of \$500, to be used for renovations to the Old Town Hall.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6. Appointments/ Resignations

First Selectman Stomski read a letter from Sharon Feeley, requesting the appointment of Ingrid Davis to the Open Space Strategy and Implementation Committee. There has since been newspaper notice regarding the opening and the Democratic and Republican Town Committees were notified.

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Stomski seconded the appointment of Ingrid Davis to the Open Space Strategy and Implementation Committee.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The Board of Selectmen also received the resignation of Claudette Volage from the Conservation Commission, for personal reasons.

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Stomski seconded to accept the resignation from Claudette Volage from the Conservation Commission, with regrets. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Notice shall be sent to the newspaper and to the Democratic and Republican Town Committees of the opening on the Commission.

7. Bids and Contracts Awards

An RFP will be done to solicit quotes on the painting of the Shove Building, Police Station and Library. Funding will be from Capital Appropriations. An RFP will also be done to solicit quotes for the structural engineering specifications for the Old Town Hall, specifically the balcony, walls and second access from the balcony. Funding will come from a grant received from the Connecticut Historic Trust and Preservation Commission. A third RFP will be done to solicit quotes on repairing and painting the bathroom walls in the Old Town Hall, to repair the doors that scrape and damage the floors, to replace the sink in the main room, to replace the bi-fold doors and to install weather-stripping under the exterior doors. Funding will come from the Old Town Hall Fund. The last RFP will be done to solicit quotes on supplying bank run gravel for the Jack's Bridge parking lot.

8. Old Business

First Selectman Stomski noted that the Board of Selectmen has been asked to be present at the Charter Revision Commission meeting scheduled for July 15, 7:30 PM to comment and to present possible amendments to the Charter. Mr. Stomski will represent the Board.

Mr. Tom Arras is to meet with Selectman Hale to discuss the Pezzo property concerns of Mr. Arras. This discussion was tabled due to absence by both parties.

The Woodbury Democratic Town Committee submitted recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding policies and procedures on June 10, 2010, they were reviewed. First Selectman Stomski read into the record the Policies and Procedures adopted by the Board of Selectmen recently. Mr. Stomski noted differences between the two policies, the cut-off date for the volunteers was one area he did not agree with, the other pertained to unaffiliated voters. Those voters are encouraged to contact the First Selectman's office directly, not the Republican nor Democratic Town Committees.

MOTION: First Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Perkinson seconded to not accept the policy recommended by the Democratic Town Committee.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9. New Business

MOTION: Selectmen Perkinson moved and Selectman Stomski seconded the following:

RESOLVED: that Gerald D. Stomski, First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

10. Correspondence

First Selectman Stomski stated that information was received that the Inland Wetland Agency approved an application to create 60 parking spaces on Jack's Bridge, by the Three River soccer fields.

First Selectman Stomski also reported that the Town has received a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the State Library for the preservation of documents. The Town also received \$11,950 from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation, to provide a structural engineering analysis of the Old Town Hall. The grant will be used to evaluate the structure integrity of the balcony and look into providing an additional egress from the balcony at the Old Town Hall.

At the Strong Meadow Preserve property a cross culvert was installed as well as other improvements at the entrance to the fields. Vehicle access will be limited with the use of a gate.

The Woodbury Business and Economic Development Committee will have a "meet and greet" on July 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Senior / Community Center.

Arleigh Duff, track and cross country coach at Nonnewaug High School, informed the Selectmen that one of his students, Jackie Nicholas, competed in the National Track Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, 2000 meter steeple chase, and finished second in the Nation in the race. She also broke the Connecticut State record in the same event. First

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Selectman Stomski said a Certificate of Recognition, with a Town seal, in recognition of her accomplishments, was presented to her

No parking signs were erected on Jack's Bridge.

The Selectmen's office received a letter from Richard Snider today, the cover letter was read into the record. It referenced the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting, June 24, 2010.

MOTION: First Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Perkinson seconded to accept the clerk's bill in the amount of \$75.35 and approve for payment.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

11. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and First Selectman Stomski seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

FILED SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leigh
Clerk Pro-Tem