

Minutes  
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 14, 2010

Present: Gerald D. Stomski, First Selectman  
George W. Hale III, Selectman

Absent: Barbara Perkinson, Selectman

Also present: Ralph Corbo and approximately 20 members of the public  
Jaimi Cura – *Voices* and Daniela Forte – *Litchfield County Times*

Selectman Stomski call the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Shove Building Conference Room.

MOTION: Selectman Hale moved and Selectman Stomski seconded to add “Privilege of the Floor” to the agenda. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Sharon Sherman questioned what the purpose of Privilege of the Floor is. The Selectmen explained it was the time for outsiders to express there concerns or ask questions. It was also discussed that some towns have Privilege of the floor at the beginning and the end of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Selectman Hale moved and Selectman Stomski seconded to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2009 regular meeting with the following correction: Page 3, 2nd motion for appointments: Vincent Tomkalski appointment should read **Term to 01/06/14**. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Hale seconded to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2009 Annual Joint Land Use meeting as written. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

**Request for Special Town Meeting - Corbo**

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Hale seconded to table Item 4 – Request for Special Town Meeting – Corbo until later in the meeting when Mr. Corbo is present. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

MOTION: Selectman Stomski move and Selectman Hale seconded to rescind the previous motion because Mr. Corbo arrived. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Mr. Corbo has submitted a request for the Board to schedule a special Town Meeting at his expense. The purpose of the special meeting would be the acceptance of the extension of Owl Ridge into the Town road system now instead of waiting until the next regular Town Meeting scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Corbo will pay for any costs incurred for the special meeting.

MOTION: Selectman Hale moved and Selectman Stomski seconded to accept Mr. Corbo's request for a Special Town Meeting, at his expense, to act on the acceptance of the extension of Owl Ridge into the Town road system. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

A date and place will be secured for the special meeting. Mr. Corbo left the meeting.

#### **Appointments/Resignations**

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Hale seconded to accept with regrets the resignation of Sarah Griswold, Democratic Registrar of Voters, effective December 31, 2009. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Selectman Stomski discussed the procedure for the filling of elected and appointed positions. The Selectmen's office will inform the Town Committees of any vacancies and upcoming expirations of terms. The Town Committees may submit recommendations to the Board of Selectmen to fill the various appointed positions. When an appointed position becomes available the Board of Selectmen has the prerogative per Town Charter to appoint a qualified person of their choice. The Board of Selectman may look to the Town Committees for a recommendation to fill the vacancy. According to the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen can fill a vacancy, without Town Committee recommendation, if an available, willing, qualified candidate comes forward. Selectman Stomski spoke with both Town Committees and all agreed to form a continuous pool of qualified candidates for consideration and for utilization for when a vacancy occurs. Selectman Hale agrees the townspeople need to be kept advised of any vacancies. Every effort needs to be taken to encourage volunteerism. The creation of an administrative policy regarding appointments will be looked into.

MOTION: Selectman Hale moved and Selectman Stomski seconded the reappointment of Edward Caisse (R) to the Board of Fire Commissioners for a new term to expire 01/05/15 and the reappointment of William T. Drakeley Jr. (R) to the Historic District Commission for a new term to expire 01/05/15. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

MOTION: Selectman Stomski move and Selectman Hale seconded the appointment of Joann King (D) to fill a vacancy (DeVries) on the Conservation Commission for a term to expire 01/03/11 and the reappointment of Paul Hadzima (D) as an alternate on the Historic District Commission for a new term to expire 01/05/15. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Selectman Stomski said he has step down as Tree Warden, as directed by Town Charter. The position pays a small stipend.

### **Acceptance of Contributions**

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Hale seconded to accept with gratitude the following contributions:  
Historic Town Hall Restoration Fund (in honor of Paul Hinckley and Charles Bartlett - \$381  
Gateway Signs – Wachovia Bank - \$250  
Corian Countertop for Historic Town Hall – Chris Sechow – Valued at \$2,000  
Police Special Revenue Fund (Trailer) – TD Bank - \$250  
- Murray Brothers Garage - \$300  
Special Revenue Elderly Fund – North Congregational Church - \$200  
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

### **Bids/Contracts**

*Tires for Public Works Loader* – The Public Works Department has secured three bids for the purchase and installation of four replacement tires for the Volvo 90 Loader. The Public Works Department recommends award to the lowest bid submitted by Toce Bros.

MOTION: Selectman Hale moved and Selectman Stomski seconded to award the contract for the purchase and mounting of four (4) Goodyear tires for replacement on the Volvo L90 Loader to the low bidder, Toce Bros. at \$1,800 each plus \$500 labor. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

*Public Works Department – Electrical Work* – The Public Works Department has secured three bids for additional exterior lighting and miscellaneous electrical work in the Public Works Garage. The Public Works Department recommends award to the lowest bid submitted by Family Electric at \$1,780.

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Hale seconded to award the contract for the installation of additional exterior lighting and miscellaneous electrical work in the Public Works garage to the low bid submitted by Family Electric, Inc. at a total of \$1,780.

Discussion: Selectman Hale explained the additional outside lighting is needed for safety. Discussion about the abutting neighbors seeing the new lighting.

Does this have to go before the Zoning Commission?  
*UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

### **New Business**

*Fawn Meadows Estates Subdivision* – Fawn Meadows Estates has submitted a request to the Land Use Office for a five (5) year extension of subdivision approval. David Monckton, Public Works Director, responded with a letter to the Town Planner stating the Subdivision Regulations state “Permits may be extended for a period not to exceed one (1) year upon written approval of the Board of Selectmen”.

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Hale seconded to table action on the request submitted by Farm Meadows Estates for a five (5) year extension of its subdivision approval until correspondence is received from the Planning Commission. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

*Land Use Referral – Conservation Easement* – The Land Use office has referred to the Board of Selectmen a request to combine 3 single lots of the McLean Subdivision into one lot of open space to be conveyed to the adjoining property owners (45 Mill Road).

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Hale seconded to accept the recommendations of the Town Attorney and Planning Commission in regards to the request that the open space of the McLean Subdivision be combined and conveyed to Mr. Dushman and Ms. Kaplan. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

*Region 14 Appeal* – Region 14 is appealing the Judge’s decision regarding the reconfiguration. The Board will discuss and prepare a statement when Selectman Perkinson is back from vacation.

### **Correspondence**

- Training Course available on Conducting an Effective Meeting.
- Memo from Land Use Office regarding the proposed new Cingular Wireless (AT&T) tower on Paper Mill Road. There are many issues to be address such as driveway sand erosion issues. Question if cell towers are subject to View Shed Regulations. Selectman Stomski asked if Cingular has money set aside have the tower removed when no longer needed.
- State Department of Public Health update on H1N1.
- Demolition Delay Ordinance – Selectman Hale asked for an update. It was agreed to ask for a member of the Historic District Commission to give an update at a Selectmen’s meeting.

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- Memo from Charles Bartlett asking for assistance from the Public Works Department to move the miniature golf course from the basement to the main floor of the Senior Community Center.
- Notice from the Connecticut Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee of available funding. Selectman Stomski and Officer Lent attended a meeting to receive training and more information on the program.
- Selectman Hale announced this is the year to appoint a committee to review and update the Town Charter. A news release will be prepared.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

FILED SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Anderson  
Clerk