

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2010

Present: Gerald D. Stomski - First Selectman
Barbara K. Perkinson - Selectman
George W. Hale III - Selectman

Also present: Approximately 15 interested parties
Manuel Gomes – Fiscal Officer (a portion of the meeting)

Selectman Stomski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Shove Conference Room.

Privilege of the Floor

John Hardisty asked for an update on the funding for the “Antiques” signs. Selectman Hale said contributions were received from local businesses as well as the Woodbury Business and Woodbury Antiques associations. He was not sure of the total received or if there is a shortfall in funding.

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to add
“Acceptance of Contributions” to the agenda. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to accept the
minutes of the February 11, 2010 regular meeting as written.
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Acceptance of Contributions

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to accept with
gratitude the following contributions:
Police Misc. Fund - Louise and Kenneth Green - \$ 100
Police Trailer Fund - Woodbury Junior Women’s Club - \$ 500
Good Hill Plumbing - \$ 100
Senior Community Center Landscaping Fund – Emily Bailey - \$ 100 in
memory of Sharon Simmons
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Appointments/Resignations

Charter Revision Commission – Selectman Stomski explained it has been ten years since the Town Charter has been reviewed and updated. In accordance with Section 7-190(a) of the General Statutes and the provisions of Section 90-2(B) of the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen may “appoint any elector, except members of the Board Selectmen, to serve on the Charter Revision Commission, provided, however that no more than two (2) members of any particular board or commission may serve on the Charter Revision Commission while they are members of such other board or commission.”

A list of residents expressing interest in serving on this Commission was read.

MOTION: Selectman Stomski moved and Selectman Perkinson seconded the appointment of the following residents to the Charter Revision Commission for terms to terminate upon acceptance or rejection of its final report by the Board of Selectmen:

Louis DeLuca (R)	Elizabeth Adams (R)
Laurine Zatorski (R)	John Hardisty (R)
Curtis Jones (D)	Frank Shepard (R)
Kevin Barry (D)	

Discussion: Selectman Hale said it is good to have new blood as well as old blood on the Commission, however he questioned what a bare majority is; shouldn't it be 4-3? Mr. DeLuca was asked for his opinion and, as an individual, feels 5-2 satisfies the State Statute. “We need to get it right in the first place. If wrong, we will have to revisit.” said Selectman Hale.

Voting Yea: Stomski and Perkinson; Voting Nay: Hale
MOTION APPROVED

Library Board of Trustees – Both Town Committees submitted recommendations to fill a vacancy (Peter Perkinson) on the Library Board of Trustees. After reviewing the backgrounds of the candidates, the following action was taken:

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Stomski seconded the appointment of Jean Carnese (R) to fill a vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire January 1, 2011.

Discussion: Selectman Hale asked if there were any recommendations from the Library staff. Selectman Perkinson said these people came forth to show interest in the appointment. The Town Committees interviewed the candidates before they made their recommendations, stated Selectman Stomski.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Tree Warden – As John Thomas is now Tree Warden, Selectman Stomski recommends Mr. Thomas be appointed the Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee. It is import he sit on the Committee.

MOTION: Selectman Hale moved and Selectman Perkinson seconded the appointment of John Thomas, Tree Warden, to the Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee for a term to expire January 2, 2012. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Bids/Contracts

Municipal Software – Award of Contract

Manuel Gomes, Fiscal Officer, explained the referral from the Board of Finance for the purchase of new software for tax billings.

Point of Order

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to add “Municipal Software – Award of contract” to the agenda. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Mr. Gomes continued, explaining the need for the new software and its benefits.

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to accept the recommendation of the Board of Finance and award the purchase of new Tax Software to Quality Data. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

New Business

Tourism Report – William Monti, Woodbury representative to the Northwest Connecticut Visitors and Convention Bureau, submitted a year-end report and preview of what is coming in the next year:

- 1) Establishment of the Connecticut Visitors and Convention Bureau.
- 2) A second project will be explored as a result of the 350th Anniversary Celebration – Permanent historic markers.
- 3) Appointment of a new Economic Development Committee. The status of the Tourism representative could be as a full voting member or as an ex-officio reporting member, as the Board of Selectmen see fit.
- 4) There have been massive cuts in the State support for the advancement of tourism – 30% drop.

Selectman Stomski said that over the next two weeks the members of the Economic Development Committee will be asked to go over their reports. Then the Town Committees will be approached for recommendations to a newly formed EDC.

Elderly Commission Report – Tabled as the representative could not attend tonight’s meeting.

CL&P – Policy for Police Duty – The policy for the presence of police officers at utility company work sites was discussed. CL&P does not want to have police officers on site when they are working on dead end and limited traffic Town roads. Selectman Stomski discussed the issue and both agree police officers should be at all utility work sites.

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded that Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P), and other utility companies, will continue to use Police Officers for traffic control at all work sites that are on Town of Woodbury roads and Town-owned properties. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to add "Other Business" to the agenda. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

Other Business

Website Update – The Town Attorney who handles general issues has reviewed the new website and had concerns. After the issues are addressed, the Attorney will sign off that it is in compliance. Martha Sherman said she needs the Attorney to sign off on a "Legal Disclaimer".

Region 14 Lunch Program – Selectman Stomski advised the Board that Region 14 data shows there are students who do not get a hot meal at lunchtime. The School gives these children a peanut butter sandwich. There is a need for a monetary fund to assure students of a hot meal. There are many people who want to respond financially. A special fund can be set up in the fiscal office. Selectman Hale agreed with the setting up a fund for donations, but only use of this program.

Will look for a model program to see how to overcome misuse of the fund

MOTION: Selectman Hale moved to set up a revenue fund to supplement lunch programs in the Region 14 school system.

Discussion: Selectman Perkinson said there is already a program in place. Problems were worked out and she was not aware of any problems. We should go back to Region 14 to work out the problems. She feels the issue is how the School runs their program.

Selectman Hale withdrew his motion.

Budget Matters

General Budget Discussion

The following dates and times have been scheduled for joint Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance meetings to work on the 2010-11 fiscal year budget.

- Wednesday, March 10th - Joint Board of Finance/Board of Selectmen – 7:00 p.m. Annex
Public Works and Police budgets
- Thursday, March 11th – Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance – 7:30 p.m. – Annex
Fire Department and Parks & Recreation budgets
- Thursday, March 18th – Board of Finance/Board of Selectmen with Region 14 – 7:00 p.m. – Central Office
- Saturday, March 20 – Board of Finance/Board of Selectmen – 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Annex – Tax Collector, Assessor, Library, Town Clerk, Land Use, Elderly Services
- Thursday, March 25th – Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance – 7:30 p.m. – Shove Bldg.

Capital Projects

- Brushy Hill – Engineers are reviewing the project at this time.
- Pond Valley – System is working. Water too high do to beaver problem.

Correspondence

- Letter from the two members of the Board of Assessment Appeals stating they cannot serve until they have a minority representation on the Board.
- Request from Police Officer George Romano asking the Board name the access road, across from the Post Office, that connects Main Street South and Washington Avenue, as “Memorial Way” in honor of all who have served or are still serving their country and community, while wearing the uniform of their service. Action was tabled until the previous sign request at Hollow Road and Route 317 is checked.
- Selectman Stomski said Randy Ashmore and he held a press conference to announce that Woodbury will be conducting an emergency response exercise in March 2011. The event will be dedicated to Deputy Emergency Management Director, Charlie Rutledge, who died on February 17th.

Selectman Hale asked Selectman Stomski to get a legal opinion on “bare majority”.

MOTION: Selectman Perkinson moved and Selectman Hale seconded to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. *UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED*

FILED SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Anderson
Clerk