

*Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
7:00 p.m., February 25, 2008
Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room*

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Roll Call

Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. John Szewczyk and James McLaughlin present.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE AGENDA. 3 AYE

Public Comments

Rick Parmelee remarked that he felt town commissions should be rated on accessibility to new potential business owners and questioned how they are being treated. In a conversation with the Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, about their position on the proposed store, he was told a report was issued and told to read it; he stressed that it is important for committee members to be cordial and polite. He also feels these committees should be watching costs such as legal fees and also the expertise of professional engineers.

L. Francis commented that an appeal may be costly to the town and costs would watch it closely.

Set date for public hearing - long range capital plan

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF MARCH 6, 2008. 3 AYE

Recreation Committee appointment

TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Commission appointments

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPOINT FRED RALEY TO THE COMPENSATION REVIEW/PERSONNEL POLICY COMMISSION FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 2011. 3 AYE

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO APPOINT ROGER KLEEMAN TO THE COMPENSATION REVIEW/PERSONNEL POLICY COMMISSION FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE OCTOBER 2010. 3 AYE

Clean Energy Task Force appointments and terms

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPOINT SANDY KALINOWSKI TO THE CLEAN ENERGY TASK FORCE. 3 AYE

Discussion of senior center land purchase/rental property

L. Francis stated the Board of Selectmen had voted to put an offer on Meeting Hill House Road on hold deciding to solicit input. The Senior Board published an article in the Town Times asking residents to attend their next meeting, February 28th for input.

L. Francis and members of the Senior Board visited 21 Ozick Drive to discuss the possibility of renting space, allowing quick establishment of a program, while being cost effective. The building of 4200 square feet is adequate space; could move into with minor renovations although costs would be involved; parking may appear to be a challenge with only 30 spaces available. The Senior Board is very excited but is concerned about what would happen to their original plan for obtaining a piece of property.

John Szewczyk agreed that it would be good to get the program up and running quickly while being cost effective. He also commented that it would be good to see how many people would actually participate. He asked F. DeFelice to comment on parking on the street on Ozick Drive. F. DeFelice stated no parking signs have been placed on the street and commented if there is a large turnout for events there would be an issue.

Tax Refunds

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE (17) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$9,417.38 AS PRESENTED. 3 AYE

Permission for the First Selectman to apply for a STEAP grant to be used for (GWUDI) Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water study and Pickett Lane Culvert

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO APPLY FOR STEAP GRANTS TO BE USED FOR (GWUDI) GROUND WATER UNDER THE DIRECT INFLUENCE OF SURFACE WATER STUDY AND PICKETT LANE CULVERT REPLACEMENT. 3 AYE

Discussion of request for streetlight on corner of Royal Oak Drive and Route 17

L. Francis received a request from Patricia Kupcho to place a street light at the corner of Royal Oak Drive and Route 17. F. DeFelice recommended that L. Francis access CL&P's website for information on their streetlight program. He also suggested using other measures such as reflective road deflectors.

Discussion of EMS study committee

L. Francis asked the Board of Selectmen if the EMS study committee, originally designed to study the billing or stipend process, was still a proper committee. J. McLaughlin commented the Emergency Services Facility Committee would now serve to fill their charge. J. Szewczyk asked that the members be contacted prior to the committee being dismantled. L. Francis agreed to do so and address at the next meeting.

Discussion of Middlesex Chamber candidate nomination for annual Chief Michael L. Green award

L. Francis asked the Selectmen if they had a candidate nomination for the Middlesex Chamber, Chief Michael L. Green Award. A candidate was selected and will be submitted.

Outstanding budget issues

L. Francis brought J. McLaughlin up to date on the last Board of Selectmen's budget meeting where they reviewed operating budget again; managing to make negative mil impact on the towns' side. Salaries are up for review by the Compensation Review Commission, not wanting to leave any line items at zero it was decided to use middle of the line numbers. DMIAAB budget has not been received; used proposed budget numbers not yet approved by their board; L Francis will recommend the Board of Finance ask DMIAAB to attend their budget meeting.

She met with Brian Ameche, Conservation Chairman. They discussed \$7,000 maintenance budget line which she thought was a good number; purchase of gates and chains, maintenance on barn, building of berms at White's Farm. She asked B. Ameche to attend meeting about funding capital projects in the future.

Approval of Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 30th, February 9th, 11th, 14th, 19th, and 23rd, 2008

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE JANUARY 30, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. 3 AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 19, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. 3 AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. 3 AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 14, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES. 2 AYE. J. MCLAUGHLIN ABSTAINED, ABSENT.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 19, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, 3 AYE.

February 23, 2008 minutes tabled until next meeting.

Approval of Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of February 11, 2008

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 11, 2008 MINUTES AS AMENDED. 3 AYE

Old/New business

L. Francis brought the Board up to date of the following old business.

- 1.) New Assistant Town Clerk, Alicia Willet will be starting February 26, 2008.
- 2.) Public Hearing on Bill for diversion permit will be held on Wednesday, February 27th at 10:30. She contacted all Water Commission Members and asked the Selectmen if they would be available to attend.
- 3.) Public Safety Committee decided not to change any language to the Deposit of Snow, Ice, Leaves or Other Debris on Public Roadways or Sidewalks. J. Szewczyk commented that the original intension of the ordinance was for snow and ice; the public hearing questioned the language of other debris. L. Francis stated Peter DiGioia contacted the Chief States Attorney about the ordinance language who confirmed it to be acceptable. F. DeFelice asked the Board of Selectman if they wanted to pursue the ordinance. L. Francis said she would bring this forward at the next meeting.
- 4.) L. Francis referred to correspondence received from the State of CT/DOT in reference to the towns' proposal for Bear Rock Road for inclusion to the Local Road Accident Reduction Program being denied. The cost estimate was revised by the DOT and was above the established cap for funding. She will look into the STP Urban Program offered through the Capitol Region Council of Governments.
- 5.) A pre-construction meeting on Crooked Hill Road with Brian Ferris, R. Bailey, Brian Curtis, Attorney Rebecca Adams and L. Francis was held. All requirements before construction were reiterated; cannot remove any more trees without the consent of the towns' tree warden; and homeowners will be helped with easements. B. Curtis recommended that B. Ferris put property owners on certificate of insurance. B. Ferris agreed to the procedure to keep all property owners apprised of any and all developments; B. Curtis plans to inspect everyday. L. Francis told Luke Backus that he would get a copy of the agreement and punch list that B. Ferris agreed to.
- 6.) Merriam Manufacturing proposal. L. Francis stated town counsels main concern was that the town was not going to get the tax lien upfront. J. Exman assured her that they would. She also stated there was risk involved to the new owner and the town needs to make sure they are protected. J. McLaughlin stated he thought she should continue to pursue. J. Szewczyk agreed.

New Business

- 1.) The Board of Selectmen is invited to participate in the Walk of The Boundaries by the Selectmen of Madison and Guilford, Connecticut Trails Day, June 7th, 10:00 am. L. Francis will also invite the members from the Conservations Commission and the Historical Society.

Selectmen's comments

None

Public comments

F. DeFelice brought the Board of Selectmen up to date on a Block and Crime Watch program for Howd Road residents. He also stated he put a call into Peter DiGioia and Lt. Castagliuolo for a discussion on additional police protection.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata