

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
January 25, 2010
3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Laura Francis.

Roll Call

Members present: Laura Francis, John Szewczyk, James McLaughlin.

Approval of the agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO ADD CONSERVATION TO THE AGENDA. ALL AYE

Public Comments

Donia Viola was present to talk about the Towns Planning and Zoning Commission allowing businesses to operate without permits. She feels that by allowing this to happen it puts the Town in jeopardy until procedure and state statutes are met and feels there needs to be more oversight regarding proper permitting. L. Francis noted that the Towns Building Official has been visiting the business's location and is working with the Planning and Zoning Commission. D. Viola questioned P&Z's approval if the owner has not met the qualifications of the state statute for business operations. J. McLaughlin stated that regulations and state licensing are two separate issues. D. Viola asked if the town could issue a cease and desist order if the business chose to ignore obtaining proper permits and those legal requirements were not met. L. Francis stated cease and desist could be issued if the business was not compliant with the zoning regulations, not a state licensure issue. She would look into it.

D. Viola expressed her concern over the RSD13 Audit and their fund surplus of 2.8 million; 1.75 million will be used in the current year's budget and 1.5 million for the upcoming budget. She feels that RSD13 under expended and cannot hold on to the surplus unless they put it against a designated capital expense. She noted when the Selectmen are considering the town budget they should consider the surplus that RSD13 has.

D. Viola talked about the emergency notification system presentation made by Francis Willett that would be paid by grant funds; RSD13 is also going to be using the system and she is concerned that Middlefield would not be paying their portion. L Francis stated that the Middlefield Board of Selectmen had surplus EM funds in their budget and were expected to approve the system but she had not officially heard back from them.

Joe Dattilo-Conservation

Gary Carmichael would like to rent land on Route 17 across from the Time Out Tavern for approximately fifteen to twenty parking spots; to be used for employee parking. The Conservation Commission agrees that this would be good use of the land. L. Francis noted that

the Town Engineer would look into it.

Recreation Committee Appointments

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-APPOINT KATE MCLAUGHLIN, ANN FIGORAS AND ELIZABETH CIPOLLINA TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE 2010. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-APPOINT CHRISTOPHER MANEMEIT, CHERYL SALVA AND MICHAEL DOYLE TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE 2011. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-APPOINT TOBY BATES AND MARK DIONNE TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE 2012. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-APPOINT BRENDAN O'CONNELL AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE 2011. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-APPOINT KAREN KEAN AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE RECREATION COMMISSION WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE 2012.

Set Public Hearing Date

L. Francis explained that the Town is eligible to receive \$300,000 for a DECD Small Cities Grant for a revolving loan program for home improvement. Larry Wagner and Associates would be administering the grant; their goal is to gain letters of support of the program.

TOWN OF DURHAM
PUBLIC HEARING
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss its Fiscal Year 2010 Community Block Grant Program Application and to obtain citizens views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be a part of the Town's Application for funding.

All are encouraged to attend. This hearing is accessible to the handicapped.

Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact Laura L. Francis, First Selectman at 860-349-3625 at least five days prior to the hearing.

Laura L. Francis

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO SET DATE OF FEBRUARY 8TH, 2010, 6:00 P.M. AT DURHAM TOWN HALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Approval of BOS meeting Minutes

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE JANUARY 7, 2010 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE JANUARY 11, 2010 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 16, 2010 MINUTES TABLED.

Old/New Business

L. Francis attended a conference on Municipal Shared Services in Connecticut; there are more models available for successful partnerships especially in regards to shared municipal equipment.

L. Francis attended Emergency Shelter Training in New Haven and is proud to say that of the ten participants five were from Durham. She feels this shows Durham's commitment to be prepared for emergencies.

The Town of Durham is a 2010 CIRMA Risk Management Achievement Award Recipient in the category of Establishing Risk Management as an Organizational Priority. Kudos to the Town Hall staff and their commitment to risk management.

The Department of Public Safety has been awarded federal grant funding as a sub-recipient to the Justice Assistance Grant/Local Law Enforcement program known as JAGLLE. Each RST town will receive a \$2,935.05 rebate for trooper services provided during fy09/10.

A tentative date of February 10th has been scheduled for a joint Durham Middlefield Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance meeting.

The Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen will be taking a site walk of the Town Garage January 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Comments

None

Public Comments

None

FY 2011-2012 Budget

1500-Assessors Office

Re-opened. M. Malavasi found additional savings.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO RE-OPEN #1500 ASSESSORS OFFICE AND APPROVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,845. ALL AYE

2525-Health Benefits

Health Benefits discussed; went out to bid, Anthem was the low bidder but at a 27.9% increase.

General discussion

L. Francis will be contacting RSD13 regarding the Crossing Guard position to see if the school will move this item to their budget.

L. Francis noted that the Town did well weathering the last snow storm, the town crew was out all day.

Adjourn

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:50 P.M. ALL AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia C. Fonash-Willett