

*Board of Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, February 8, 2010
3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall*

Meeting Minutes

Call to order and roll call

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

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY - JAMES MCLAUGHLIN ALL AYE

Public Comment

Laura Francis began conversation regarding the Middletown Kleen Energy Plant tragedy that took place on Sunday. She commended Fire Chief Harry Hall and his Department for their quick response. One team from the FD was sent to South District and was then called to the Plant. Within minutes of the event Fire Department, Durham EMS, Emergency Management and Public works departments were all staged and prepared to respond as needed. Francis Willett Emergency Management Director was present in the audience. Laura Francis stated she and F. Willett were at EOC and utilized the Safer Durham Notification System to apprise residents of what was taking place in Middletown. Durham residents were notified of the event in Middletown before any information was disseminated in the news. Laura stated she received many calls from residents saying how thankful they were to receive the notification in such a timely manner. Selectman McLaughlin was also very thankful for his phone call and asked F. Willett how the notification system works. Willett explained the notification system has approximately 13,000 contact numbers for residents to include: home phone, cell phone, email and secondary contact information. A notification message is then composed and sent electronically to those contact numbers. Once the notification is sent F. Willett and L. Francis were able to track when the messages were received. F. Willett stated his gratitude to Chief Harry Hall, members of the Fire Department and Durham EMS for all their efforts during this enormous event. F. Willett also commented that even with the tragedy unfolding in Middletown Durham Fire and EMS were still able to respond to local calls and was very thankful for their quick response to an emergency at Middlefield Road location.

Proclamation - 100th Anniversary of Scouting

PROCLAMATION
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA * 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING
Troop 27

WHEREAS, on February 8, 1910 the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia by W.D. Boyce and by 1912, Scouts were enrolled in every state; and,

WHEREAS, Troop 27 of Durham, CT was formed in 1926, Chartered in 1929, making this troop 84 years old; and,

WHEREAS, Troop 27 has been led by over 30 Scout Masters, hundreds of Leaders, and thousands of young members where over 60 young men have received the Rank of Eagle Scout; and,

WHEREAS, Troop 27 has worked on many community service projects and has been recognized by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for their recycling program; and,

WHEREAS, for over 80 years Troop 27 has been supporting the community by organizing food drives, serving meals for families in need, working with other town organizations to complete projects; and,

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Durham, by virtue of the authority vested, do hereby applaud the commitment Boy Scouts of America and the residents of Durham have made in helping the Scouts of Troop 27 become responsible adults and strong leaders in our community and in our world.

Laura L. Francis
First Selectman

John T. Szewczyk
Selectman

James W. McLaughlin
Selectman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, this 8th day of February 2010

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO ACCEPT PROCLAMATION AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Ethics Commission resignation

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE THE RESIGNATION OF MARGERY E. STAHL FROM THE ETHICS COMMISSION. ALL AYE

Recreation Committee appointment

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPOINT PAM CAREY AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE RECREATION COMMITTEE WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE 2012. ALL AYE

Senior Board appointment

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPOINT SHARI SLIGHT AS A REGULAR MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 2012. ALL AYE

Approval of Authorizing Resolution to grant permission to the First Selectman to make an application to the State for \$300,000 in order to undertake and carryout a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I, Kim Garvis, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting on February 8th, 2010 at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

WHEREAS, federal monies are available under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C § 5301, et. seq., as amended, also known as Public Law 93-383, and administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development as the Connecticut Small Cities Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to disburse such federal monies to local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Durham make an application to the State for \$300,000 in order to undertake and carryout a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen,

- 1.) That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 2.) That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of Durham in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 is hereby approved and that First Selectman, Laura L. Francis is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, to carryout approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Durham.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has affixed their signature this 9th day of February 2010.

Kim Garvis, Town Clerk

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE FOR \$300,000 TO UNDERTAKE AND CARRYOUT A SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. ALL AYE

Tax refunds

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE (12) TWELVE TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$16,462.73 AS PRESENTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR. ALL AYE

Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 25th and January 30th, 2010

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS TO TABLE APPROVAL OF MINUTES UNTIL NEXT MEETING. SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO TABLE APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25TH MEETING MINUTES. ALL AYE

Old/New business

L. Francis discussed the following old business. On January 28th, the BOS and BOF completed a site walk in the snow of the Public Works Facility on Cream Pot Road. Both Boards were able to see first hand the space constraints and maintenance needed at the facility. Also discussed was the storm water permit required by the DEP; in order to adhere to the DEP request a retainer pond is needed as well as clearing ½ acre of property to accommodate a retention area. Both Boards agreed to site visits of other Public Works facilities to gather more information and ideas as how to address these challenges.

L. Francis noted that there would be a Joint BOS meeting with Middlefield on February 17 at 7PM.

Selectmen's comments

None

Public Comments

None

FY2010-2011 budget

1520- Building and Health Dept.

Create Line item 504 for 1,500

43,000 plus 1,500 to equal 49,355

Laura made motion to approve 49,355. Jim second. All Aye.

2015- Economic Development

reduce line 152: to \$300.00

reduce line 204: to \$500.00

reduce line 353: to \$2,000

John makes motion to approve \$2,800 Laura second. All Aye

2500- Registrar

reduce line 102- to \$10,000

reduce line 152- to \$900.00

reduce line 153- to \$60.00

Line 401-reduce to \$1,420

Laura made motion to approve \$34,155. Jim Second. All Aye

2540- Tree Warden

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$20,075. Jim Second. All Aye

2562-Municipal Heating Fuel

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$26,600 with note going out to bid. Jim Second. All Aye

2567-Allyn Brook Park Improvements

Line #456 - reduce to \$2,000

Laura made motion to approve \$2,000. John Second. All Aye

3008-Highway Vehicle Maintenance

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$49,500. Jim Second. All Aye

3009-Town Garage Maintenance

Line #251 - decrease to \$3,400

Line #253 - decrease to \$6,440

Laura made motion to approve \$14,690. Jim Second. All Aye.

3010-Public Works

Line #157 Office supplies - increase from zero to \$200

Laura made motion to approve \$62,150. Jim Second. All Aye

3011-Snow Removal

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$150,303. Jim Second. All Aye

3012-Catch Basin Cleaning & Repair

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$26,200 with note going out to bid. Jim Second. All Aye

3013-Vehicle Fuel

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$42,050. Jim Second. All Aye

3014-Chip Sealing

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$208,000 with not waiting for bid price. Jim Second. All Aye

3016-Road Sweeping

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$23,000. Jim Second. All Aye

4025-Fire Company Trustees

Line #155- decrease to \$600

Line #251 - decrease to \$8,000

Laura made motion to approve in the amount of \$26,320. Jim Second. All Aye

4005-Crossing Guard

Laura made motion to eliminate item and have the BOE add this item to school budget. Jim Second. Laura and Jim AYE, John NAY.

4040- Valley Shore Communications

Re-open

Reduce line #353 to \$67,651.

Laura made motion to approve in the amount of \$67,651. Jim Second. All Aye

4056-Resident State Trooper Contract

Reduce line #114 to \$99,822.

Laura made motion to approve in the amount of \$99,822. Jim Second. All Aye

4515-Social Services

Laura made motion to approve in the amount of \$500. Jim Second. All Aye

4599-Durham Senior Citizens Board

Reduce line #353 programs to \$15,510

Laura made motion to approve in the amount of \$17,015. Jim Second. All Aye

5510-Durham Activity Center

Discussion

Laura made motion to approve as presented in the amount of \$37,988. Jim Second. All aye

Adjourn

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 9:50PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Fonash-Willett