

*Board of Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, February 22, 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 TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Public Comments

Donia Viola wanted to know who was participating in the Emergency Response System. L. Francis noted that RSD#13 would be participating in the staff module this year (the parent/student module would be implemented next year) and was unsure of Middlefield's decision.

D. Viola asked if Middlefield contributed to the cost of running the Durham Middlefield Youth and Family Services budget. L. Francis stated yes, but she did not know their exact budget figure. She also stated that she and Jon Brayshaw met with the DMYFS Board and noted that the program is currently going through a transition; the Board of Selectmen has encouraged the Board of Finance to invite the DMYFS Board to a budget hearing.

D. Viola asked for an explanation of costs budgeted to the Emergency Operations Shelter. L. Francis explained that the \$3,300 budgeted was for shelter supplies and operating expenses for the Emergency Operations Center.

D. Viola asked why \$122,000 was budgeted in contingency. L. Francis stated the Board put in this budget amount to cover any unexpected expenses so they would not have to tap into the fund balance.

D. Viola asked about payroll increases. L. Francis stated that the Board of Selectmen has suggested the following options to the Board of Finance to consider. Eliminate step increases for non- union employees, calculate elected officials increase over current rate not including giveback, voluntary 1 or 2 furlough days, and voluntary schedule reductions.

D. Viola questioned the condition of the public works trucks and suggested looking at the servicing of the vehicles which she thought would increase the vehicles lifetime. She also suggested leasing versus buying.

D. Viola asked how the Board could proceed with improvements to the ambulance corp building when the Ackerman Property Study Committee found that the stairwell in the building did not meet fire code. L. Francis responded by saying that repairs were being made to the building and the 3rd floor is not in use, that it is closed off.

D. Viola ended by saying the Board of Selectmen need to take under consideration that their proposed increase is deplorable.

Clean Energy Task Force terms

L. Francis noted that the Clean Energy Task Force terms were not originally staggered. The Board agreed that this should be forwarded to the current Chairman to recommend staggered terms.

Request from RSD#13 to waive fees for the application for food and beverage dispensing registrations for the four schools in Durham

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO WAIVE FEES FOR APPLICATION FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE DISPENSING FOR RSD#13. ALL AYE

Approval of Authorizing Resolution granting the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut for the Construction, Inspection, and Maintenance of Pavement Improvements on Maiden Lane utilizing Federal Funds under the ARRA of 2009

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION GRANTING THE FIRST SELECTMAN PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENTS ON MAIDEN LANE UTILIZING FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE ARRA OF 2009. ALL AYE

Fire Truck Bid Award

Harry Hall said the process of purchasing a new Durham Engine 1 started in March 2008 when a Truck Committee was formed to interview potential apparatus manufacturers for the replacement of the 1987 Ford FMC Water Supply engine. The committee spent a significant amount of time discussing how the apparatus would be used today and in the future. The consensus was that this unit will be specifically used as a water supply engine and should be built with the largest pump available and should be able to carry a significant amount of 5" supply hose. Over the next 18 months the committee met with a number of different apparatus builders both local and national. In October 2009 they were advised that Spartan Motors 425hp engine would no longer be available and that they had 175 engines in-stock and that the cost of their new engine would be significant. The committee went out to bid and received only one bid in the amount of \$444,490 from Gowans Knight Company; Marion Body Builders declined the bid as they were not able to secure an ISL 425 engine prior to the cut off. The department discussed what they could do to reduce the overall cost of the finished unit so they changed some of the compartment configurations and decided they could save some monies if they were to purchase some of the equipment direct rather than as part of the bid.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO AWARD THE FIRE TRUCK BID TO THE GOWANS-KNIGHT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$413,594.16. ALL AYE

Fiscal analysis January 2010

Tabled

Local Traffic Authority request

Higganum Road

L. Francis asked the Board of Selectmen to review prior safety suggestions for Higganum Road presented by the Public Safety Committee, visit the site, and they would discuss at the next meeting.

Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 25th & 30th, 2010. February 8th, 11th, & 16th, 2010

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE JANUARY 25, 2010 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE JANUARY 30, 2010 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 8, 2010 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

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

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 16, 2010 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Old/New Business

L. Francis discussed the following old business.

- 1.) The Board of Education budget will be presented on March 3rd, 7:30 at Strong School library. Also the Superintendent will be attending a Board of Finance Meeting scheduled for March 13th at 9:00 to discuss RSD#13 budget. L. Francis encouraged the Board to attend.

L. Francis discussed the following new business.

- 1.) She was notified by the Department of Transportation that a road rehabilitation project will be done on Route 68 from the Wallingford Town line to Route 17 in the 2010 construction season upon legislative approval of the DOT budget request.
- 2.) L. Francis, Kurt Bober, Sherry Hill, Janet Muraca, and Dick McManus attended a walk-through at the Carolyn Adams building today. She asked all to come up with costs associated with the following; flooring/carpet, paint, small kitchenette, and the cost of utilities.

Selectmen's comments

None

Public comments

D. Viola stated she thought the Board of Selectmen should not have put the rental of the Carolyn Adams building for an activity center in the proposed budget that it should go out to referendum. She feels it is a disgrace, that this is not the time for fun and recreation noting the upcoming revaluation and decreased state revenue. J. McLaughlin noted that several meetings were open to the public and Board of Finance meetings are coming up; he also noted that this budget would be brought to Town Meeting. L. Francis noted that the activity center is a want not a need and that the Board felt it was something they should bring to the residents through the budget process.

Adjourn

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:45 P.M. ALL AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata