

*Board of Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2009
3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall*

Meeting Minutes

Call to order and roll call

Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 JOHN SZEWCZYK TO AMEND AGENDA TO CORRECT ITEM #4 TO STATE 2010 SCHEDULE. ALL AYE

Public Comments

Donia Viola asked if the schedule for locking of the Town Hall doors had been addressed and corrected. L. Francis responded yes, that all of the doors are now configured to their own schedule.

Approval of 2010 meeting schedule

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE 2010 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Set dates for Joint Meetings with Town Agencies

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE 2010 JOINT MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Authorizing Resolution granting the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management; ARRA EECBG

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION GRANTING THE FIRST SELECTMEN PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CT, OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT; ARRA EECBG. ALL AYE

Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes October 5, 2009

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2009 AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Old/New Business

L. Francis discussed the following old business.

- 1.) Seasonal Flu Clinic update; serious supply problem. The State of CT supply did not come to the Middlesex VNA. Durham's annual clinic was cancelled due to lack of vaccine. Durham is part of MDA36 (Mass Dispensing Area #36) which received 350 doses to be used for uninsured people, 9 years and older, at a clinic on Friday, October 23rd, noon - 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis Parrish Center in Middletown.
- 2.) H1N1 update; the first H1N1 clinic was held on October 15th at the Middletown Municipal Building Council Chamber for children 2-4 years of age from Cromwell, Durham, Haddam, Middlefield and Middletown. 16 children from Durham received vaccines. A second clinic will be repeated this Thursday, October 22nd.
- 3.) Blue Trail Range update; Consultants hired to do safety study were in Connecticut last week and spent approximately five hours with the Deputy Commissioner and other representatives from the DEP. They also met with residents and talked with Attorney Martha Dean who represents the BTR. L. Francis noted they still have no access to the range. A preliminary draft is expected in a couple of months if not sooner.
- 4.) The Crooked Hill Road project is substantially complete. A meeting of Ivy Way residents has been scheduled for Thursday, October 29th to review an opinion from Attorney Vincent Marino

on the towns' options for maintaining Ivy Way. The Towns Planner, Road Foreman, Town Engineer and Attorney Marino will also be attending.

- 5.) The Discover Durham Business Expo scheduled for November 19th is coming along nicely. The Economic Development Commission has been receiving donations to cover expenses and businesses are signing up to attend.

L. Francis discussed the following new business.

- 1.) A Task Force for an Arts Council or Commission is being established. An open meeting has been scheduled for November 4th with current volunteers. L. Francis asked everyone to spread the word.

Selectmen's comments

L. Francis presented the Selectmen with a list of end of year appointments and asked them to review. She noted that she would look at a way to stagger the Recreation Committee appointments so that the entire committee would not have the same appointment dates. She also noted that Terence Keenan would not be seeking reappointment as Tree Warden.

L. Francis noted that she is expecting another resignation from the Senior Citizen Board which will be on the next agenda.

There was a conversation amongst the Selectmen about misinformation in the community about the upcoming revaluation and the need to inform residents on the facts. L. Francis stated she would use her next article in the Town Times to explain the process and outcome of a revaluation.

L. Francis talked about legislation on Mass Gatherings (any event over 12 hours) passed as of October 1st and the impact it would have on the Durham Fair. She said she would be meeting with officials from the DPH to work on changing the language.

Public comments

D. Viola stated she talked with Senator Edward Meyer in reference to residents not having a clear understanding as to what they were approving at the RSD13 referendum because they did not have proper details. She asked the Board of Selectmen to draft a letter to Senator Meyer and Representative Lesser in support of legislation for more transparency in bonding. L. Francis responded that she would contact Senator Meyer for a better understanding of their conversation.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata