

*Board of Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, November 9, 2009
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 present.
James McLaughlin arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO AMEND AGENDA TO ADD APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH PAYCHEX INC. 2 AYE

Public Comments

None

Senior Citizen Board appointment

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPOINT NORM HICKS TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE 2010. 2 AYE

Tax refunds

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE (10) TEN TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$1,636.59 AS PRESENTED BY TAX COLLECTOR. 2 AYE

Approval for the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with Paychex, Inc. for payroll services

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PAYCHEX, INC. FOR PAYROLL SERVICES. 2 AYE

James McLaughlin arrived.

Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes October 26, 2009

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2009 AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Old/New business

L. Francis discussed the following old business.

1. H1N1 Clinic update; Clinic held on November 5th was successful. Incredible effort on behalf of the town and MDA36. L. Francis thanked Francis Willett, the Durham Fair Association, staff, and volunteers. Next clinic will be held in Cromwell, November 12th. Francis Willett commented that this was a great opportunity for his staff; he was very proud of how Durham set up so quickly and thanked the Fair Association for the use of the building.
2. Ivy Way resident meeting; Laura Francis, Attorney Vincent Marino, Town Engineer Brian Curtis, Town Planner Geoff Colegrove, and Public Works Foreman Kurt Bober all attended a meeting with Ivy Way residents on November 19th to discuss options for the plowing of Ivy Way. The determination made was to only plow the town portion of Ivy Way. Attorney Vincent Marino made clear the liability, legal and budget issues; the road is owned by 16 residents and insurance waivers would be required from each resident in order to plow the road, noting that forming an association would make the process easier but still problematic. One resident asked if they chose to form an Association would the town be willing to negotiate. Attorney Marino stated that it would be difficult for an insurance carrier to indemnify the town. L. Francis stated she promised the residents that she would discuss this with the Selectmen and would ask Attorney Marino to enumerate steps the resident would need to take.

3. Discover Durham Expo; November 19, 2009. Almost filled to capacity with local businesses and have received over \$2,000 to date. L. Francis encouraged the Selectmen to attend.

L. Francis discussed the following new business.

1. COST membership; due to fy09-10 budget constraints COST membership was not renewed. The Executive Director of COST notified L. Francis that they would give the town a 1 year membership at no cost.
2. STEAP Grant; L. Francis met with Town Engineer to discuss the Pickett Lane Culvert project.
3. Energy Grant; Dick McManus has been working on getting retrofit pricing for lighting and insulation for the attic of the Library to apply for the ARRA Energy Grant.
4. Holiday Party; the town hall holiday party will be held at TLC this year.
5. L. Francis stated that there was a 40% turnout at the election which was very impressive.

Selectmen's Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:20 P.M. ALL AYE

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Moncata