

Board of Selectmen
REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2013 – 5:00 PM
Town Hall
MINUTES

1.0 Selectman Linda Finelli called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Selectman John Bendoraitis and Administrative Assistant Patti Handy were also present. First Selectman Joyce Okonuk was absent. Audience: 4

2.0 **Public Forum**

Marc Lang, Chairman of the Conservation and Agriculture Commission was present to discuss in the town-owned property on Synagogue Road. The Commission would like to see it planted with corn to improve the soil conditions. The person who currently holds the contract for harvesting on other town properties is not interested in it. Lang feels that it will take some investment without a turnaround for two to three years. They would like this to go out to bid; the Selectmen agreed. This will be taken up under New Business. Lang also wanted the Selectmen to know that the Co-Ag Commission has requested that the Board of Finance provide \$100,000.00 in funding to Capital Reserve Account #220-00-461-2701-0060 (Open Space Fund) as part of its upcoming FY 2013-14 budget presentation to the Annual Town Meeting.

3.0 **New Business**

3.1 Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to call a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 7:30 pm at Lyman Memorial High School. Vote: Yes, unanimous. (See attached).

3.2 Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to repeal the FOIA policy and to make necessary revisions. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to add Item 3.3 under New Business: Discuss and act upon going out to bid for harvesting corn on town-owned property on Synagogue Road. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

3.3 Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to authorize the First Selectman to put the property on Synagogue Road out to bid for harvesting corn. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

4.0 **Minutes**

4.1 Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2013 Regular Meeting, amended as follows: The motion in Item 2.0 under New Business should read: "Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to support the request for a State CONNDOT traffic study on Card Street, with the understanding that the Town would not *necessarily* make any changes based on the outcome of the study. Vote: Yes (2) Finelli and Bendoraitis, No (1) Okonuk. Motion carries." Vote: Yes, unanimous.

4.2 As Finelli was not present at the January 11, 2013 Special Meeting, the minutes could not yet be approved.

4.3 Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2013 Special Meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

4.4 Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2013 Special Meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

4.5 Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2013 Special Meeting. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

4.6 As Bendoraitis was not present at the January 31, 2013 Special Meeting, the minutes could not yet be approved.

5.0 Correspondence - None

6.0 Police Report

6.1 The Selectmen reviewed monthly Police Report as provided by the Resident State Trooper. The new format for comparing monthly data was very helpful.

7.0 Resignations

7.1 **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to accept with regret and appreciation, the resignation of Charles Westbrook from the Library Building Committee. Vote: yes, unanimous.**

8.0 Appointments/Reappointments

8.1 Two residents have expressed an interest in serving on the Public Works Facility Study Committee where there is only one vacancy. The Selectmen reviewed the applications and discussed the related interests and experience of the applicants. **Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to appoint Martin Clark to the Public Works Facility Study Committee, term to expire at the completion or abandonment of the project. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

8.2 **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to appoint Steve Farrick to the WPCA, filling the vacancy that was left by Jason Hofmann, term to expire on 5/1/2015. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

8.3 **Motion made by Finelli, seconded by Bendoraitis to reappoint Donna Koenig, Mary Withey and Christine Witkowski to the Rails to Trails Committee as regular members, and Walter Miller as an alternate, for (2) year terms to expire 5/5/2015, as recommended by the Rails to Trails Committee. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

8.4 **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to reappoint Dan O'Hearn and Byron Lennox as Deputy Fire Marshals for one year, terms to expire on 3/1/2014. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

9.0 Old Business

9.1 The Selectmen discussed a request from the Finance Office to reallocate the previously approved funds for replacement of town radios from Account# 100-430-5320 (Public Works) to TIP. The original request at May 3, 2011 meeting was for \$5,200.00 and as this amount exceeds the Selectmen's limit for TIP expenditures this must first go to the Board of Finance for approval. **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to recommend to the Board of Finance an expenditure of up to \$5,200.00 from TIP for the replacement and installation of Town radios. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

An additional motion was made to pay pending bills for the radio installation out of TIP if necessary. **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to approve a payment of up to \$1,035.00 for the replacement and installation of Town radios, funds to come from TIP.**

Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to add Item 9.2 to the agenda: Discuss and act upon Tax Refunds. Vote: Yes, unanimous.

9.2 **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to approve the following Tax Refund for January, 2013: Adam, John W. & Karen R. (New owner: Couch, Louise J. to receive refund) - \$2,067.85. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

10.0 The Selectmen reviewed the Financial Report for YTD activity. Bendoraitis requested a clarification on the insurance expenditure from the Finance Office. The Selectmen's office will follow up on that and bring it to the next regular meeting.

11.0 **Motion made by Bendoraitis, seconded by Finelli to adjourn at 5:26 pm. Vote: Yes, unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti A. Handy
Assistant to the First Selectman