

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
JANUARY 12, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; Christopher (Kip) Hall (7:30 p.m.)  
Susan Marks, Gerald Nielsen, E. Reilly Tierney.

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION from the Student Governing Board/SADD from the Depot

First Selectman Stevenson reported that the presentation will be rescheduled due to the student preparation for mid-term exams.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson read her report, which was a flyer, as follows:

**THE DARIEN YOUTH COMMISSION INVITES THE COMMUNITY OF DARIEN  
TO SET A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD**

WHAT: COMMUNITY-WIDE ACTIVITY INVITING INTERGENERATIONAL  
PARTICIPATION TO SET A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

HOW: WORLD'S LONGEST-ARMED-LINK-TOAST

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015 — 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: DARIEN TOWN HALL GYMNASIUM

WHO: EVERYONE AND ANYONE

- We invite your organization to participate in the any or all of the following ways:
- Participate in the activity! The current record is 495 participants. We need all people of all ages to toast the Town of Darien on 1/31/15 & Promotion of the activity.
- Help spread the word to members of your organization, constituents, family and friends
- Provide personnel. We need volunteers to “staff” this event! Please call 203-656-7388 or email: asillars@darienct.gov names and contact info of those who are interested in helping. (We are looking for at least 2 representatives per organization.)

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff reported that budget preparation continues to be the focus of Department Heads for the 2015-16 budget schedules.

Mr. Kilduff requested to add an item to the agenda:

Budget Transfer from Professional Services to Professional Standards, Materials and Supplies.

- \*\* **MS. MARKS MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE BUDGET TRANSFER.**
- \*\* **MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Kilduff referred to the memorandum outlining the supporting documentation and explained the Department will be sending two additional police recruits to the Academy for training commencing in April. Each recruit is expected to have 1,500 rounds of the frangible ammunition and five cases are required at a total cost of \$2,690. This unanticipated expense is not carried within our current operating budget and our existing ammunition budget cannot sustain the additional expense of the frangible ammunition.

Mr. Tierney questioned the low amount and the process required for such a low amount of expenditure. First Selectman explained that while it is a finite level of detail, this is what is required to authorize the expense in a municipal budget accounting system.

- \*\* **MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFER AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

| <u>From:</u>   |                                  |             | <u>To:</u>     |                                  |             |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Acct. No.      | Account                          | Amount      | Acct. No.      | Account                          | Amount      |
| 10302213-82007 | Police Admin.,<br>Prof. Services | 2690        | 10302273-83007 | Prof. Standards, Mat.<br>& Supp. | 2690        |
|                |                                  |             |                |                                  |             |
|                |                                  |             |                |                                  |             |
|                |                                  |             |                |                                  |             |
|                | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>2690</b> |                | <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>2690</b> |

- \*\* **MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

NEW BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Take Action on Request to Abandon a Portion of the Public Right of Way on Locust Hill Road.

Attorney Robert F. Maslan, Jr. representing Knobel Hill, LLC, distributed the letter and plan outline dated December 26, 2014 (revised January 12, 2015) with an overview of the background and outlined the proposed transactions as follows:

The property owner proposes to:

- Dedicate to the Town 1,089± square feet of right of way adjacent to the easterly half of the frontage. This requires the acceptance of the Representative Town Meeting in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 13a-48. The portion to be dedicated is depicted as Parcel Y on attached map.
- Proposes that the Town discontinue the 417± square foot portion of the right of way along the westerly portion of the frontage. This requires an action of the Board of Selectmen, and is subject to approval of the Representative Town Meeting, in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §13a-49. The portion to be discontinued is depicted as Parcel X on the attached map. The discontinuance will result in the reversion of the 417± square feet to the abutting property.
- The result will be the adjustment of the property owner's half of the Locust Hill Road right of way to a conforming width of 25 feet from the Settlers Trail intersection to the westerly end of the Subject Property's Locust Hill Road frontage.
- The adjustment will result in the creation of a conforming flare at the intersection, instead of the 90-degree corner.

Documents included photographs, Right of Way Survey- Conn. Gen. Stat. § 13a-48 & 13a-49. Ms. Penny Glassmeyer was in attendance to address questions. Questions and comments from the Selectmen were fielded along with statements of concurrence of support from DPW and P&Z Department Heads.

Mr. Tierney suggested that approval be contingent upon completion of the project. Attorney Maslan indicated that the project is well along on the process of approvals by all Town Board and Commissions, including an ARB, and he assured the Board that the project was 99% on the way to going forward.

**\*\* MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:  
THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPROVES THE REQUEST TO  
ABANDON A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ON LOCUST HILL ROAD  
PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. § 13A-49, TO DISCONTINUE THE PARCEL X  
PORTION OF THE LOCUST HILL ROAD RIGHT OF WAY, AS DEPICTED ON THE  
ATTACHED MAP.**

**\*\* MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss and Take Action on Approval of Assessment Appeal

**\*\* MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ASSESSMENT APPEAL AS FOLLOWS:**

**THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPROVES SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF JOSEPH CALVE JR. ET AL V. TOWN OF DARIEN (FST-CV-14-6022341-S) TO AMEND THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY TO \$2,739,475 FROM \$2,967,900 FOR THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2013 IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STIPULATION FOR JUDGMENT.**

**\*\* MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Mr. Hall entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.*

Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution in Support of an  
Open Space Watershed Land Acquisition Grant for 41 Hecker Avenue

First Selectman Stevenson noted this was a re-application based on a technicality allowed by the DEEP. She noted modified wording on paragraph three, and read the resolution as follows

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN OPEN SPACE WATERSHED LAND  
ACQUISITION GRANT FOR 41 HECKER AVENUE**

**WHEREAS, as a community which is essentially built-out, in Darien, open space purchase opportunities are unique; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Darien has been offered the ability to purchase 1 .245± acres of undeveloped open space located at 41 Hecker Avenue; and**

**WHEREAS, this site offers an opportunity to preserve an open space asset which can provide passive recreation as well as linkage with abutting municipal property that could enhance pedestrian access; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town intends to partner with the Darien Land Trust to conserve this site in addition to providing appropriate environmental stewardship; and**

**WHEREAS, acquisition of this site with its linkage to other municipally owned properties is in keeping with the Town of Darien's Plan of Conservation and Development; and**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen wishes to secure State funding to support the acquisition of 41 Hecker Avenue as open space.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Daren Board of Selectmen endorses and authorizes an application to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection under the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition grant program for 41 Hecker Avenue.**

**\*\* MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN OPEN SPACE WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION GRANT FOR 41 HECKER AVENUE.**

**\*\* MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW –

Mr. Hall asked for an update on Edgerton. Mr. Kilduff stated that they are awaiting final pricing on the abatement and demolition. Mr. Tierney asked if there is a timetable for when it will be decided if it can take place over the summer. Mr. Kilduff replied that once the appropriation is in place timing will be determined and is based on the Board of Education consensus of the project outline.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

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| January 13, 2015 | Joint Department Heads Meeting at <b>8:30 AM</b>        |
| January 13, 2015 | Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM |
| January 13, 2015 | Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM           |
| January 20, 2015 | Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM             |
| January 26, 2015 | Board of Selectmen Special Meeting at 7:00 PM           |
| January 26, 2015 | RTM Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM                          |
| January 27, 2015 | Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:00 PM |
| January 27, 2015 | Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM           |
| February 2, 2015 | Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM           |

Adjournment

- \*\* **MR. HALL MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- \*\* **MR. TIERNEY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox,  
Telesco Secretarial Services