

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; Christopher (Kip) Hall, Susan Marks,
Gerald Nielsen, E. Reilly Tierney.
STAFF: Kate Buch, Town Administrator.
OTHER: Presenters, as noted.

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENTATION: by Tanko regarding the purchase of streetlights.

Representatives from Tanko delivered a power point presentation and binder on the Town of Darien proposal for the purchase of streetlights. Questions and comments from the Board were fielded throughout the presentation. First Selectman Stevenson noted that this is the third company to present and a comparison analysis of the firms with full financial documentation will come to the Board for action at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson read her report as follows:

- Health Department is hosting our annual Health Fair this Wednesday, October 21st from 2:30-6:30pm in the Mather Center adjacent to Town Hall. Along with a wide variety of health care and community organizations, Health Department nurses will be on hand to administer flu shots for anyone 3 years of age or older. Seniors will be offered a preservative-free high dose vaccine. The cost of the vaccine is \$15, payable by cash or check only.

- Last Friday, the Governor announced the current round of Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program recipients and I'm very pleased to share that Darien is one of 17 communities to receive a portion of the \$5.9 million awarded for land acquisitions. Darien will receive \$137,500 to support the purchase of 41 Hecker Avenue from the Spring Grove Cemetery. The purchase will be a public/private partnership between the Town and the Darien Land Trust who is contributing an equal sum. The total 41 Hecker Avenue is the 1.245 acre parcel of land that connects the Town Hall property to Hecker Avenue. I want to thank our legislative delegation who supported our grant application. We've been working on this grant for over 2 years. More details will follow as we work through the formal RTM appropriation and acquisition process.

• Please join me and my fellow municipal candidates for the League of Women Voters Debate here in Town Hall beginning at 7:00 pm tomorrow evening. The debate will also be aired by Channel 79.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Ms. Buch reported that there are two interviews for Town Finance Director to be set up for next week. It was agreed to notify her of possible dates that the Selectmen would be available.

New Business

Discuss and Take Action:

Homeland Security for the Purpose of Receiving Grants for Region 1

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED THAT THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jayme Stevenson. as First Selectmen of Town of Darien Board of Selectmen, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents including, but not limited to executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

**** MR.HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b) Special Appropriation:

Mr. Gentile provided an overview on this project that began in September 2011 and was redesigned in August 2013 to accommodate a larger storm event based on past flooding history of the area that this storm drainage system serves and to comply with the Town of Darien's Drainage Manual requirements. He outlined that recalculation of the original estimate and time lost during the redesign of the scope of the project is has resulted in increase in labor costs and material costs. The funding is proposed as a special appropriation from the Fund Balance, as given the size of the funding request, there is not an appropriate funding source to transfer from. There was discussion on the costs involved with delays in obtaining the easement.

**** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION REQUEST AS
FOLLOWS:**

RESOLVED:

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

From:

To:

Acct. Number	Account Name	Amount	Acct. Number	Account Name	Amount
	Fund Balance	300,000	30447014-916015	Intervale Rd Drainage Improvements	300,000
	TOTAL	\$300,000		TOTAL	\$300,000

**** MR. HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

Consider and take action on the following appointments:

Anne Marie Rayhill to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2014 and expiring on March 31, 2017.

Christina Castles to the Commission on Aging for a 3-year term beginning on April 1, 2015 and expiring on March 31, 2018.

**** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS AS SUBMITTED.**
**** MR. TIERNEY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Consider and take action on the following re-appointments:

Lucia Zachowski to the Environmental Protection Commission for a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2018.

Timothy Macdonald to the Architectural Review Board as a full member for a term beginning on July 1, 2013 and expiring on June 30, 2017.

**** MS. MARKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS AS SUBMITTED.**
**** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

First Selectman Stevenson noted that the next meeting would be the last meeting for this Board, and agenda items would include:

Street Lighting - Review of Town Plan for Conservation/Development. Western Regional COG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Special Meeting of October 5, 2015

- ** **MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** **MR. HALL SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENTION (TIERNEY)**

Regular Meeting of October 5, 2015

Page 1, paragraph 1: Change wording of sentence in public comment (**replace words in bold**) to read as follows:

Spencer McIlmurray asked for some insight on the **media coverage regarding a future donation by the Friends of Gorham's Pond**.... First Selectman Stevenson replied that it is a gesture of thanks and appreciation for the **future gift**, and full funds will be presented to the RTM when aggregate amount is determined, as normal procedure. There was discussion as to why the donation is **not being** forwarded now. Mr. Tierney asked about the maintenance liability **for the gift of the automobile to the Town.**

Page 7, paragraph 1, sentence 3: change 'lighting installations' to 'parking'.

- ** **MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED.**
- ** **MR. TIERNEY SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

October 20, 2015 Board of Finance 7:30 pm

October 26, 2015 RTM 8:00 pm

October 27, 2015 Board of Education 7:30 pm

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Knox,
Telesco Secretarial Services