

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MARCH 23, 2015**

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

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer/

OTHER: Staff members and presentation representatives, as noted.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Report from Recycling Center Advisory Committee

Committee members Wendy Wade and Craig Flaherty gave an overview of the new features of the recycling center and programs as follows:

Starting May 1 mattresses will be accepted at the recycling center at no to cost to the Town's disposal expense. He explained this is a new state initiative where the cost is built into the purchase price. Questions and comments were fielded, summarized as follows:

- Materials are broken down into component areas that are separated into bins that are picked up and transported to a Bridgeport material recycling location.
- Training for bed bug identification of infestation is included.
- A flyer from the Mattress Council was distributed outlining the program details.
- Bins will be located between electronics and tires--revised layout map was provided.

Another program is recycled paint that will reduce hazardous waste from the day of hazardous disposal days. Mr. Flaherty read the list of type of paints that are included and excluded. He explained that this as another program where upfront disposal costs are built into the purchase price. Ms. Wade noted that Rings End Norwalk is a participating vendor in the area.

Highlights of the upcoming All Things Green Festival are as follows:

- provides a platform for all of our fantastic town Green Organizations.
- A proclamation from our own town selectman (S. Marks)
  - Unveiling of new Library Book Bike — the first of its kind in Connecticut! Green Tours of the LEED Gold Certified features of Darien Library
- DHS Earth Day Poster display and voting for Chamber Event on Earth Day
  - Planting sunflowers - to be transplanted to yard between Police Station and Library
- Garbage arts and crafts Single Stream hoops (play basketball and learn about what to recycle and what to trash!) Recycling Center and Swap Shop displays
- A chance to win a brand new, deluxe composter!

Current Participating local groups: Garden Club, Cherry Lawn Gardens, Friends of Selleck, Nature Center Darien Community Association The Public Works Department - City Carting .

First Selectman Stevenson suggested contacting Ever Source to provide information on energy audits. Mr. Flaherty noted that no commercial representation is permitted, they will look into public awareness information.

First Selectman Stevenson noted that she continues to be impressed with the actions and programs that the Advisory Committee brings to the Town and thanked them for their hard work.

### Report regarding Application for a Second Moratorium Allowed under CGS 8-30g

First Selectman Stevenson acknowledged the staff members in attendance: Jeremy Ginsburg, and Town Attorneys Wayne Fox and Ed Schmidt. First Selectman Stevenson gave an overview of the housing equivalency point challenges with the complexities with the application process. She then read testimony given by the public made during the public comment period (provided by Stefano & Freeman and mention of the Yale Professor articles.)

Mr. Ginsburg gave an update on the progress with the application and noted that Darien is one of a two towns that has achieved a reduction in the disparity of unit points. He presented charts on the point values associated with housing unit equivalent methods. He defined standards for Area median income versus state median income (AMI/SMI) and explained the comparisons and conversions in view of deed restrictions and the complexity of factors involved. There was discussion on the 8-30G procedure of the interpretations for affordable housing guidelines. Questions and comments were fielded by staff throughout the presentation.

Mr. Ginsburg then presented bar graphs that overlay AMI vs. SMI and the conversion of housing equivalency units. There was discussion on the number of units in the “yellow zone” and the rules for set aside practices.

First Selectman Stevenson suggested that the Board of Selectman should proceed with policy direction after conversations with the state. It was noted that the Board needs to come up with a set of goals and a plan to manage toward.

### FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson read excerpts from a memorandum regarding House Bill 6851 as follows:

RE: HB 6851 — Transit Corridor Development Authority  
OPM has submitted, to the leadership of the Planning and Development Committee, language changes that are intended to clarify the intent in HB 6851,AA Establishing the Connecticut Transit Corridor Development Authority. The major changes are:

1. The “host” town and TCDA will have to enter into a memorandum of agreement to delineate the parameters of the development district -- so if a town doesn’t want TCDA development projects within its boundaries, it needn’t sign an agreement.
2. The host town’s chief elected official remains an ex officio member of the TCDA board for matters pertaining the development in his or her community — but would get a vote.

3. The executive director of the host Regional Planning Organization (RPO) would be a non-voting ex officio member
  4. TCDA's Condemnation authority has been removed from the bill.
  5. Language is added that clarifies that municipal zoning, subdivision or wetland regulations apply for developments on private or municipal land, just as under current law.
  6. TCDA will be required to consider written statements submitted by the host RPO.
  7. Deletes language requiring municipalities to cooperate with TCDA. That will be handled in any MOA.
- These changes clarify what has always been the intent of the TCDA proposal — to work in concert with the host community.

Re: Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Application, there is a letter of support of the application grant from the State General Assembly legislators. This grant is to secure approx. 1.245 acres of undeveloped property abutting the Stony Brook in Darien.

DPW – There were 23 winter events for DPW response versus budgeted 10 events, using 1,550 tons of road salt.

Mr. Hall asked about 35 Leroy and why the 958 sq. footage of space is an issue. First Selectman Stevenson explained the original swap space agreement ended in a deficit of space which is a math problem in the calculation of Town Space versus BOE space. She noted that the inclusion of square footage at the Town Garage that is now used to house vehicles with tools in the wood shop, the Board Room and basement space that is housing summer school supplies.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff reported that parking lot permit waiting list may be reduced by 1,400 names following no response to outreach with emails and messages. He explained that there are alerts on the message board and the outreach will continue through the end of the month. He noted that staff is compiling a shadow list that will be used simultaneously to address wait list reinstatements.

Mr. Hall asked about the next item on the horizon for the Parking Authority. Mr. Kilduff noted that next is evaluation of report from the consultant and the parking study. There was further discussion on monthly rates versus daily parking rate and the process of public hearing and rate change notifications. It was agreed to begin the process earlier to start in May with the goal of putting rates into effect by October/November.

There was a discussion on Edgerton timing. Mr. Kilduff explained the process of relocation and removal of the water line for irrigation system and electric is done. He noted that the date has not been verified by Mr. Lynch.

Ms. Marks asked about the timing and the reason for no BOE response. It was noted that the facilities utilization study report is scheduled for next week and that may determine the outcome and direction from the Board of Education.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

First Selectman Stevenson asked if there were members of the public that wished to speak, and hearing none, closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution Authorizing and Directing the First Selectman to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Darien regarding the Federal Fiscal Year 2014 Homeland Security Grant

- \*\* **MR. HALL MOVED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.**
- \*\* **MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF DARIEN REGARDING THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Connecticut, acting through its Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, is the recipient of the United States Department of Homeland Security Federal Fiscal Year 2014 State Homeland Security Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Board of Selectmen's wish for the Town to be able to participate in the benefits of the above mentioned funding which will benefit the region.

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Jayme J. Stevenson, as First Selectman of the Town of Darien, 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 she deems 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.

## Discuss Request to Form a Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Member of Public Works Committee were in attendance: Frank Adelman, Mac Patrick.

First Selectman Stevenson noted that based on last month's discussion this is on for further discussion and no action will be voted upon tonight.

Mr. Nielsen stated that he agreed in concept with the value added by this group, but it should not circumvent the First Selectman's office. Mr. Tierney suggested that the focus be on infrastructure and transparency as this gives the public greater scope. There was discussion on the representation of this as an advisory group and if it should be sponsored by or with representation from the RTM.

It was suggested to change the focus to address walking safety and to include areas where there are no sidewalks for students to access. The next steps would be to create another version of the mission statement for this Pedestrian Safety Advisory Group with an overall goal to articulate the problems and address solutions. It was noted that the focus should be similar to that of the Recycling Advisory Group. It was suggested to have representation from the six voting districts a member of the RTM subcommittee and one from each of the Town committees.

Mr. Adelman thanked the Selectmen for their time and willingness to create the group that can provide a service in the best interests of pedestrians of the Town.

First Selectman Stevenson requested to amend the agenda to add a transfer item.

**\*\* MR. HALL MOVED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING BUDGETTRANSFER FROM THE NOROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE AGENDA**

<u>From:</u>			<u>To:</u>		
Acct. Number	Account Name	Amount	Acct. Number	Account Name	Amount
30333424-915013	Repair Waterway Ladder Truck	\$13489.	TBD		\$13489.

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

Mr. Kilduff referred to supporting documentation as follows:

The Noroton Volunteer Fire Department requests that capital previously requested for fiscal 2015 in the amount of \$18,000 to repair the waterway on Ladder 30, be reassigned to make necessary capital repairs to Engine 31 as a result of water damage incurred in late 2014/early 2015.

**\*\* 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:

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA REVIEW

Parks & Recreation Ten Year Plan – Update from the Commission.

There was discussion on the Mather Center. Ms. Marks provided an update of information from Beth Paris, Senior Center Director, as follows:

Membership increase:

- Six years ago of 220 to almost 700 in July of 2014 and currently:
  - 1,087 representing 736 Darien and 351 non residents.
  - 52 weekly Programs (facilitated by volunteers)
    - 156 attended the St. Patrick’s Day luncheon
    - 167 performance of Lynn Academy Dancers
    - Stamford Hospital Lunch & Learn – 89 participants.

These are not the total attendance in the building as other activities/programs were on.

Human Services: wonderful synergies are happening already, main stream needs of insurance counseling, reporting scams, team intervention with at risk seniors happening. Weekly visit from Human Services staff is good for referral, planning and discussing needs

Intergenerational Activity: BINGO with Darien Youth Assets Team 25 Teens 32 Seniors-great conversations were held during the refreshment period- a great intergenerational event

New Class: Regular Wednesday Weekly Craft classes begin;

You’re Personal Computer w/Jim Squires; Ask a Banker by Appointment only w/Jack Dowling

There was further discussion on pursuing an increase in daily parking rates. Mr. Tierney expressed concern that there should be fairness in the disparity between daily and monthly parking. First Selectman Stevenson noted his concerns and asked that they be addressed at the next Parking Authority meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of March 9, 2015

Page 1 correct Kemp to Cameron. Page 2, paragraph 2, and add a period at the end of the last sentence. Paragraph 7, after draft add ‘plan available, and replace and with or. Page 3, under the First Selectman’s report – the bullet point after Transit oriented Development (#9) change ‘the’ to ‘they.’ Page 6 paragraph 3: change Parks & Recreation to Planning & Zoning.

- \*\* MR.HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETNG OF MARCH 9, 2015 AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED.**
- \*\* MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS:

March 23, 2015	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM
March 24, 2015	Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting at 8:
March 24, 2015	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM
March 24, 2015	Board of Finance Budget Work Session at 7:30 PM
March 31, 2015	Board of Finance Budget Work Session at 7:30 PM
April 2, 2015	Board of Finance Budget Work Session at 7:30 PM
April 6, 2015	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM
April 7, 2015	Joint Department Heads Meeting at <b>8:30 AM</b>

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Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox,  
Telesco Secretarial Services