

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 4, 2015**

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

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

OTHERS: Frank Adleman, RTM Chair of Public Works Pedestrian Safety Sub-
Committee

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson said both she and Ms. Marks attended the opening day of the Darien Little League. She said she wanted to thank the parents, coaches and players for supporting such a great program.

The First Selectman said Consolidated Services Working Group had completed their work with positive outcomes. Chairman Frank Huck and committee members will present a summary of the report to the Board of Selectmen.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Administrator's office has been working on obtaining a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for work on the upper pond. Mr. Kilduff requested the Selectman's endorsement of the proposal. It was agreed the night's Agenda would be amended to approve the endorsement.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss Sidewalk Advisory Committee

First Selectman Stevenson sent out a revision to advisory presented a draft she had written regarding the establishment of the sidewalk advisory committee...as attached consensus was the work was well done.

Mr. Adleman spoke and said the proposed committee would address many important issues. There was some discussion regarding the make-up of the committee and how the members would be selected. It was emphasized the meetings would be public. There were some questions with regard to the proposed committee's proportional representation, and it was decided the Town Attorney would be consulted.

**** MR. HALL MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE APPROVAL OF THE PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, PENDING APPROVAL OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY, AS PROPOSED BELOW:**

Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee

The Board of Selectman understands the value in promoting safe walking and biking around and within the Town of Darien. The establishment of a Board of Selectmen Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee (PIAC) is intended to broaden the outreach of the Board of Selectmen and to engage the community in discussions regarding potential high-value improvements to existing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Recommendations made by the PIAC and adopted by the Board of Selectman will be taken into consideration during the 2016/17 budget development process and incorporated in the current update of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development.

The Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee shall be comprised of 7 members and include representatives from the following entities: RTM Planning Zoning and Housing Committee, TRM Public Health and Safety Committee, RTM Public Works Committee, RTM Finance and Budget Committee, RTM Education Committee and 2 at large non-RTM members. There shall be no more than 2 representatives per district. Ex-officio members shall include, when needed, the First Selectman and representatives of the Darien Police Department, Public Works Department and Planning and Zoning Department.

Deliverables:

- Review current conditions
- Review studies completed to date
- Solicit input from a variety of constituencies (downtown users, employees of downtown businesses, commuters, students)
- Meet with the BOS as requested
- Develop, define and articulate in a presentation to the BOS by 12/1/2015 suggested short and long term improvements. (The presentation should also include impediments to implementation.)

* Recommendations for pedestrian infrastructure improvements is not limited to the work of the PIAC.

** MR. NIELSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b) Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution Approving an Historic Preservation Grant Application.

** MS. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FILING FOR AN HISTORIC PRESRVATION GRANT AS BELOW:

Filing for an Historic Preservation Grant:

Whereas, the Town of Darien is eligible for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant toward the microfilming of vital record certificates from 1980 through 2013 and,

Whereas, the Town Clerk has prepared an application that requests \$3,000 for this Purpose; now therefore be it;

Resolved: that the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, to sign and file an application and contract with the State

Library

for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

** MR. NEILSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** MR. HALL MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION LONG ISLAND SOUND FUTURES FUND FOR THE UPPER POND.

** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

** MR. HALL MOVED TO RESOLVE TO SUPPORT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION LONG ISLAND SOUND FUTURES FUND FOR THE UPPER POND, AS BELOW:

Whereas, the Town of Darien has been a partner in improving the Goodwives River Watershed for many years: and

Whereas, the Goodwives River watershed has the potential to expand into a robust Riverine migratory corridor with migratory fish reaching Gorham's Pond and the dam at the base of the Upper Pond from the Rings End Dam Fish way, and

Whereas, the Town has received \$550,000 of grand funding from the State of Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program to support habitat restoration in the Upper pond; and

Whereas, grant dollars have leveraged additional Town of Darien funds along with private pledges to repair the Upper Pond Dam and remove sediment from the Upper Pond to restore a viable freshwater habitat;

Whereas, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Long Island Sound Futures Fund grant program has a priority to invest in riverine migratory corridors which would support the funding of a fishway to be constructed as part of the Upper Pond dam repair and sediment removal project; and

Whereas, the Board of Selectmen wishes to secure funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Long Island Sound Futures Fund to support the Construction of a fishway at the Upper Pond dam as part of a habitat restoration project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Darien Board of Selectmen endorses and authorizes an application to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Long Island Sound Futures Fund to support the construction of a fishway at the Upper Pond Dam.

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

APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT

a) Consider and Take action on the following appointments: Jeff Smith to the Beautification Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 1, 2014 and expiring on November 30, 2017.

** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPOINT JEFF SMITH TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 1, 2014 AND EXPIRING ON NOVEMBER 30, 2017.
** MS. MARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

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**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no items for Agenda Review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of April 20, 2015

It was noted that “Mr. Reilly,” should be changed to “Mr. Tierney” throughout.

**** MR. HALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 20, AS AMENDED.**

**** MR. TIERNEY SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH 4 IN FAVOR AND 1 ABSTENTION (MS.
STEVENSON).**

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. HALL MOVED TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Regular Meeting adjourned 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Lund
Telesco Secretarial Services