

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson; Gerald Nielsen;  
David Bayne; John Lundeen

**STAFF:** Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

**OTHER:** Dr. Jose Carra, EMS Review Committee; Kathy Hammell,  
Democratic Registrar of Voters; John Visi, Republican  
Registrar of Voters; Casey Peck, YWCA Darien/Norwalk;  
Juliana Spain, YWCA Darien/Norwalk

**CALL TO ORDER**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

**PRESENTATION FROM EMS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Dr. Jose Carra presented an update on the EMS Review Committee. He said the EMS Review Committee met on November 28, 2012 and again by telecon on January 17, 2013, to review EMS response times, evaluate current status of emergency services and identify potential opportunities for improvement of these services in the town of Darien.

In the Darien EMS – Post 53 Operational Report presented by Ron Hammer, it was noted that there were 370 calls to Post 53 in Q4 2012, of which approximately 93 were paramedic calls. The average response time for Post 53 was 6 minutes 1 second and average time for paramedic response was 8 minutes, 54 seconds.

Summary data for EMS calls for all of 2012 include a total of 1525 calls to Post 53, of which 506 (3%) included paramedic calls. Average response times for 2012 were 6 minutes, 1 second for Post 53 calls and 9 minutes, 21 seconds for calls requiring a paramedic.

Based on this information, the EMS Review Committee concludes that emergency medical services with the town of Darien are adequate and that EMS response times are, as a whole, within accepted national standards. The committee does not believe additional paramedic services are justified at this time.

Dr. Carra continued, saying that during its meeting, the EMS Review Committee identified the following actions it will take to evaluate whether there are any potential opportunities for improvement of emergency medical services in town:

Review and analyze EMS calls during which paramedics were called to the scene by Post 53; review details on calls that were outliers based on response times; and review details on all calls with “dead on scene” outcomes; contact CMED to provide on a regular basis Darien EMS response times by zone; review dispatch protocols for Norwalk EMS; and follow up with the Darien Police Department regarding first responder data.

It was mentioned that Post 3 had responded to 96 calls in Norwalk and Stamford, and Darien is now providing reciprocal services to other communities. In response to questions from 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson and the Selectmen, Dr. Carra responded that further information will be provided to the Board of Selectmen when it is obtained from Post 53, the Darien Police Department, and CMED. It was noted that the reporting of response times is now different. In the past, it was reported at the time of dispatch; it is now reported from when the time the call is received at CMED.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson mentioned that the committee was not convened to scrutinize Post 53. It was mentioned that Post 53 has done an outstanding job and the residents are lucky to have them in the community.

### **REPORT FROM REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Ms. Kathy Hammell, Democratic Registrar of Voters, and Mr. John Visi, Republican Registrar of Voters, presented information on an emergency contingency plan for elections, which is due on and needs approval by March 28<sup>th</sup>. As Ms. Hammell and Mr. Visi are new in their respective roles, they explained the work they have been doing so far, which includes preparing transfers of funds, cleaning and organizing the office and election materials, and ensuring that assistants get trained. It was agreed that they would provide 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson with a copy of the letter from the Secretary of State. Ms. Hammell mentioned that they can be reached via Twitter at Vote Darien, and [Darien@ct.gov](mailto:Darien@ct.gov). She said they are planning on having voter registration set up at football games, train stations, and the library.

### **FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson said that the Darien annual fireworks will be held on Friday, June 28, with a rain date of Sunday, June 30. She thanked the Democratic Town Committee for holding the Guns in America Policy discussion this past weekend, with Congressman Jim Himes. She reported that there was a recent small sewage leak at Cove Island Park, related to an infrastructure problem in Darien. She said repairs are being made, and she has been fully informed of the status of the repair work.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

Mr. Kilduff said meetings have been held at Weed Beach with the FEMA staff to look at environmental issues and the oil cleanup needed in the wake of Storm Sandy. He said they have received partial reimbursement for the remediation, and they are now working together and have the green light to proceed for remediation planning and site cleanup. Progress is being made regarding the discussion of and approval of the demolition of the jr. sailing building. He said they are moving forward with the repairs to both Weed Beach and Pear Tree Point. The contractor is on board with a piggy-back bid. The contract for the parking technology improvement is moving along and is expected to be back for final approval this week or next. He noted that the repairs to both beach areas are approximately \$80,000.

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson added that she has met with Susan Swiatek, Parks & Recreation Commission Director, and they came up with a good plan for the Darien Jr. Sailing Program to operate out of a temporary facility at the beach while repairs are made to the jr. sailing building.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Discuss and Take Action on Approval for the YWCA Darien/Norwalk to Hold the Race Against Racism on April 28, 2013

Ms. Casey Peck and Ms. Juliana Spain provided information on the YWCA Darien/Norwalk Race Against Racism, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Push-N-Pull Parade. They asked 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson to speak at the Race Against Racism event. She said yes, and asked them to send her a reminder prior to the event. It was confirmed that there were no additional events planned for the Race Against Racism, and that it would begin and end at Cherry Lawn Park. Ms. Spain confirmed that both events have insurance and Post 53 will be on hand.

**\*\* MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION FOR THE YWCA DARIEN/NORWALK TO HOLD THE RACE AGAINST RACISM ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013 STARTING IN CHERRY LAWN PARK, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

**\*\* MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

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

- b) Discuss and Take Action on Approval for the YWCA Darien/Norwalk to hold the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Push-n-Pull Parade on July 4, 2013

**\*\* MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION FOR THE YWCA DARIEN/NORWALK TO HOLD THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PUSH-N-PULL PAADE ON THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2013, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT.**

**\*\* MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**

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

c) Discuss and Take Action on Approving the Designation of the East Coast Greenway in Darien for Local Traffic Authority Final Action

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson noted that she has no issue with recommending approval of this, on the condition that the Town's willingness to proceed doesn't create any future expenditures for the Town.

**\*\* MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF THE EAST COAST GREENWAY IN DARIEN FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITY FINAL ACTION.**

**\*\* MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**

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

d) Discuss and Take Action on Tax Assessment Settlement

**\*\* MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPROVES SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF GARDEN HOMES DARIEN LIMITED PARTNERSHIP V. TOWN OF DARIEN, (FST-CV-11-6009424-S) TO AMEND THE FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR THE PROPERTY TO \$3,900,000 FOR THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2010; \$4,200,000 FOR THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND \$4,400,000 FOR THE GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 FROM \$6,300,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH A STIPULATION FOR JUDGMENT.**

**\*\* MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

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

e) Transfers

### **Elections**

RESOLVED:

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

**From:**

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10107661-82003	Training	\$ 2,520
10107661-82050	Telecomm	\$ 2,496
10107661-82007	Prof Services	\$ 16
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,832</b>

**To:**

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10107661-81002	Part Time	\$ 2,550
10107661-81003	Seasonal	\$ 2,726
10107661-82001	Travel	\$ 104
10107661-82008	Printing	\$ 452
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,832</b>

Ms. Hammell and Mr. Visi explained that all the transfers noted above are within two election accounts.

- \*\* MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$5,832 FROM THE TRAINING, TELECOMM AND PROF SERVICES ACCOUNTS TO THE PART TIME, SEASONAL, TRAVEL, AND PRINTING ACCOUNTS.**
- \*\* MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**AGENDA REVIEW**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson said that she would like to invite the Legislators to a future meeting. Mr. Bayne asked if they will address the sidewalk issue; 1<sup>st</sup> Selectmen Stevenson said she will request information from Mr. Steeger and Holly Schultz. Mr. Bayne asked about a timeline the Edgerton Street project; 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson said she is waiting on information from the Board of Education. Mr. Lundeen inquired about the schematics for the proposed sidewalk project and also about having a discussion regarding the sidewalks; 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson said that she agreed with the request for the schematics and said she would prefer to wait for Mr. Campbell to return to discuss the sidewalk issue.

**APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Consider and take action on the following re-appointments:

- a) Allison Hughes to the Architectural Review Board for a 4-year term beginning on July 1, 2009 and expiring on June 30, 2013; Robert Riith to the Sewer Commission

for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2015; and Chuck DeLuca to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term beginning on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2015.

- \*\* MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENTS OF ALLISON HUGHES TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR A 4-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2009 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2013;**
- ROBERT RIITH TO THE SEWER COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2015; AND**
- CHUCK DELUCA TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A 3-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2012 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2015.**
- \*\* MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- Regular Meeting of January 7, 2013

The changes to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2013 are as follows:

On page 1, under REPORT ON SCHOOL SECURITY FROM DR. STEPHEN FALCONE, clarification needs to be made regarding the Human Capital item.

On page 2, 3rd paragraph, 6th sentence, change "Chief Lovello" to "Dr. Stephen Falcone".

The minutes of the January 7, 2013 Regular Meeting will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

- Special Meeting of January 28, 2013

- \*\* MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 28, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING.**
- \*\* MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- Regular Meeting of February 4, 2013

The corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2013 are as follows:

On page 2, 3rd paragraph, and throughout, change "Mr. Hegeney" to "Mr. Hegarty".

On page 4, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence, change "incident" to "incidents". The 3rd sentence should read: "Mr. Bayne thanked Mr. Steeger for his work on the rating system and had several questions about how the data was compiled."

On page 4, 3rd paragraph, the 3rd sentence should read: "Ms. Susan Cameron, Planning & Zoning Commissioner, who was in the audience, said that the Master Plan development was underway and she would bring it up."

On page 4, 4th paragraph, 1st sentence, change "It was pointed out" to "Mr. Bayne pointed out".

On page 5, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, add the following to the last sentence: "Mr. Lundeen indicated that he was voting against it purely because he felt no need for any external professional design expenditure."

On page 6, under AGENDA REVIEW, the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence should read: "Until the BOE makes their request known, the Senior Affordable Housing Plans are on hold."

On page 7, under APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change "FULES" to "RULES". 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change "Laurie Williams" to "Laurie Williamson". 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph, and 12<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change "SWERPA" to "SWRPA".

**\*\* MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2013 AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**

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

- Special Meeting of February 19, 2013

The corrections to the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 19, 2013 are as follows:

On page 1, under NEW BUSINESS, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read: "Mr. Nielsen noted that it is not easy to vote for an increase, but in terms of facilities the Town is at a point where it needs to add in order to maintain its facilities."

On page 1, 8<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the 4th sentence should read: "Regarding sidewalks, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Stevenson was happy with the process to develop a policy that she feels takes much of the objectivity out of the process."

On page 2, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence should read: "Mr. Lundeen shared the concerns of others that we are losing control of the budget expenses, but he indicated that he felt

Darien was facing many of the same issues as many municipal leaders. He indicated that we are fortunate in Darien and would be fine, relative to other cities and Towns.”

On page 3, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read: “The vote passed unanimously.”

**\*\* MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE  
FEBRUARY 19, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING AS AMENDED.**

**\*\* MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**

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

### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

February 26, 2013	Planning & Zoning Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.
February 26, 2013	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
March 5, 2013	Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
March 5, 2013	Planning & Zoning Planning Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Mach 11, 2013	Board of Selectmen Regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS** (Any items added to the agenda require a two-thirds vote.)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr  
Telesco Secretarial Services

