

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 6, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: First Selectman Jayme Stevenson; David Bayne, David Campbell,
John Lundeen, Gerald Nielsen.

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

- ** **MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS.**
- ** **MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting went into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.. There was no action taken.

First Selectman Stevenson reconvened the meeting back into public session at 8:03 p.m. It was noted that the reason for the meeting delay was that First Selectman Stevenson and Mr. Kilduff were called into a RTM meeting to answer questions about the budget.

Mr. Kilduff left the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:12 p.m.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Stevenson read her report as follows:

- Thank you to my helper Paige Westbrook who was Acting First Selectman for the Day on 4/24. She did a wonderful job and I enjoyed sharing my day with her.
- Contracts for pedestrian safety signs and new street lighting on Route 106 have been submitted. Waiting for DOT permission to install signs and for scheduling of CL&P install on lights.
- Another successful prescription drug collection day on 4/27.
- Thank you to all the community volunteers who helped clean up the town on 4/27.
- On behalf of our Board, I want to thank Lynn Hamlen for her wonderful contributions to our community as Executive Director of the Darien Nature Center and to wish her well on her next adventure.
- Marc McEwan and I attended a meeting with our fellow colleagues from Greenwich and Stamford at the CL&P Operations Center in Glenbrook to give more feedback on storm response and, in particular, their outage mapping tool. I believe the utility is making a good effort to reach out for suggestions on how to better their storm response.

First Selectman's Report – continued...

• On 4/30, I joined my fellow town leaders for a press conference in Hartford expressing our bipartisan concerns about the Regionalism initiatives which are taking shape through the work of the M.O.R. E. Commission and HB 6629. I also attended the M.O.R.E. Commission's report on 5/3. HB 6629 is enabling legislation that will most likely pass this legislative session requiring all Regional Planning Agencies to become COGs and further enable the functions of these COGs. The intention of this legislation and the work of the M.O.R.E. Commission is to create a regional government structure that can coordinate planning and delivery of state and local services as well as facilitate receipt and distribution of federal transportation dollars.

The order of the agenda was changed to have the Administrative Officer's Report after the New Business items.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Walter Casey, 11 Webster Valley Road, Darien spoke about the partnering issue with Stamford Hospital and it was noted that at the first BOS meeting in June, this will be discussed.

There were no other public comments and the Public Participation portion of the meeting was closed at 8:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and Take Action:

Granting Permission for the 34th Annual Darien Road Race on September 15, 2013

First Selectman noted that this annual event has accumulated nearly \$1 million raised for cancer.

**** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING:
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN HEREBY GRANTS
PERMISSION FOR THE 34TH ANNUAL DARIEN ROAD RACE TO BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013 STARTING AT PEAR TREE POINT BEACH,
SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DARIEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT.**

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

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discuss and Take Action:

Resolution Accepting a Gift for the Police Department for \$3,900 from the Community Fund of Darien, the Darien Police Association and Maplewood of Darien for Project Lifesaver.

There was a discussion about how applications are handled for residents of Maplewood, and Mr. Kilduff replied that the eligibility is to caregivers who apply based upon need.

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT TO THE DARIEN POLICE
DEPARTMENT FOR \$3,900 FROM THE COMMUNITY FUND DARIEN, THE
DARIEN POLICE ASSOCIATION AND MAPLE WOOD OF DARIEN FOR
PROJECT LIFESAVER**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 233 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of Darien. the Board of Selectmen is empowered on behalf of the Town of Darien to accept gifts provided that the gifts do not have a value in excess often thousand dollars (\$10,000.00);and
WHEREAS, Project Lifesaver is a tracking system for people who are at risk of getting lost or are prone to wandering, just as those with Alzheimer's or autism; and**

WHEREAS, this program has been used successfully by other Police Departments to find lost patients with a battery powered GPS bracelet; and

**WHEREAS, the cost of the system has been determined to be \$3,900; and
WHEREAS, the cost of the tracking system, batteries and bracelets for this in need would come from the Community Fund of Darien, the Darien Police Association and Maplewood of Darien; and**

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen wishes to accept this gift of funding to support the operations of the Darien Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Darien Board of Selectmen hereby accepts the gift of \$3.900 from the Community Fund, the Darien Police Association, and Maplewood of Darien for equipment necessary to offer project Lifesaver in Darien and expresses its appreciation to those involved on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Darien.

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

Discuss and Take Action:

Resolution Authorizing the Filing of a Historic Preservation Grant with the State Library

Mr. Lundeen noted that the word "documents" should be added to the resolution.

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:
Whereas, the Town of Darien is eligible for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant toward the purchase of a scan/search/retrieval system for RIM, Board of Selectmen, and Planning & Zoning Commission minutes, and
Whereas, the Town Clerk has prepared an application that requests \$4.000 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. CAMPBELL SECONDED THE MOTION.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Presentation from Laurie Williamson, Darien Representative to SWRPA Board of Directors. Regarding Possible State Legislation Affecting the South West Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA)

Representative Williamson provided handouts on pending legislation on House Bill No. 6629 and outlined the background, details, and requirements for the SWRPA regionalization plan.

Mr. Bayne asked who is the proponent of this regionalization, and First Selectman Stevenson replied that Representative Jason Rojas from Hartford is leading the sponsorship of this plan. Ms. Williamson noted that the next meeting is May 14 and they anticipate action prior to the next legislative session of June 5, 2013.

Questions and comments were fielded by First Selectman and the following press lease was reviewed:

Southwestern Connecticut Municipal Leaders Oppose Regionalization Mandates

HARTFORD – Chief Elected Officials of the municipalities comprising the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWRMPO) gathered at the Capitol today to voice serious concerns about legislation in process that could mandate increased regionalization of public services and government in the state. They were joined by members of the board of the South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA).

Central to the SWRMPO members' concerns is HB 6629, AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONALISM IN CONNECTICUT, which was passed earlier this month by the General Assembly's Planning and Development Committee and is awaiting consideration by the House. Before the House vote, it is expected that the language of the bill will change to reflect the recommendations of the Municipal Opportunities & Regional Efficiencies (MORE) Commission, which are scheduled for presentation later this week.

Among potential legislative developments that most concern SWRMPO members are:

- **Requiring every region to adopt a Council of Governments (COG), even though this may not always be the optimal structure.** Imposing this requirement without soliciting input from the public and municipal and regional boards and commissions ignores local needs and specificities.
- **Mandated consolidation that increases the number of towns and cities in each region.** This could force municipalities with very dissimilar priorities and needs to share resources and collaborate on planning.
- **Destabilization of local budgets and tax structures.** Residents are accustomed to seeing the totality of their local taxes and fees allocated to schools and services in their own municipalities. They worry that increased regionalization may lead to a redistribution of their local taxes to other municipalities and further local tax increases.
- **Loss of flexibility and increased bureaucracy for municipalities,** with the advent of larger regions.

First Selectman Stevenson asked Representative Williamson to keep the BOS posted on the outcome and thanked her for the presentation.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff gave his report as follows:

- The Parking Technology Initiatives Program is moving forward and they are meeting with the systems vendor next week. The emphasis of this program is for the daily parker program to transition from a scratch off card voucher to a pay station system.

Budget Transfer

Transfer from various accounts to the P&Z and ZBA Advertising and Motor Fuel accounts. The Planning and Zoning Department requests a transfer from the EPC Clerical and P&Z Training accounts to the P&Z and ZBA Advertising and Motor Fuel accounts.

Mr. Lundeen clarified that this should come from the Parking fund. There was discussion on the short life of the lot and nature of the conditions of the lot and First Selectman Stevenson noted that the reason for the repairs was attributed to sub-standard paving materials.

Transfers

Parking Fund

RESOLVED:

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

From: _____ To: _____

Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
2484804-82014	Snow Removal	\$18,445	2484804-82041	Facility Repairs/Maint	\$18,445
	TOTAL	\$18,445		TOTAL	\$18,445

- ** **MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REFERRAL TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE THE ABOVE TRANSFER AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** **MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Review

First Selectman Stevenson noted that a follow-up report on the EMS Review Committee on the Post 53 Report will be on the agenda for the next meeting. There was discussion on the timing for the public comment on cameras on the harbor, and it was agreed that this could be held at the June 3rd meeting. There will be a Board of Education presentation on facilities and the gifts from the Darien Athletic Association at the next BOS meeting

Consider and take action on the following appointments:

- a.) Ian Konecke to the Monuments & Ceremonies Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 2012 and expiring on November 30, 2015
- b.) Becky Siciliano to the Monuments & Ceremonies Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 1, 2010 and expiring on November 30, 2013
- c.) Cara Gately to the Beautification Commission for a 3-year term beginning on December 1, 2012 and expiring on November 30, 2015

**** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO THE MONUMENTS & CEREMONIES COMMISSION:**

IAN KONECKE: 3 Y TERM: DECEMBER 2012 – EXP. NOVEMBER 30, 2015 AND BECKY SICILIANO 3Y TERM: DECEMBER 1, 2010 – EXP. NOVEMBER 30, 2013.

**** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Meeting of April 22, 2013

The following changes were requested:

Page 1: In the last bullet point of the First Selectmen's Report, add: "Mr. Campbell was thanked for" and delete "Thank you to Dave Campbell..." In the second bullet point under Administrative Officer's Report, delete Storm Sandy and replace with Upper Pond.

Page 2: Paragraph 1, end the last sentence after issue.

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2013 AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED.**

**** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH THREE VOTES IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED AND ONE ABSTENTION (STEVENSON).**

Special Meeting of April 29, 2013

**** MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2013 AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** MOTION PASSED WITH TWO VOTES IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (NIELSEN, LUNDEEN).**

OTHER BUSINESS – None

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

May 6, 2013	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
May 7, 2013	Planning & Zoning Commission Planning Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
May 13, 2013	RTM Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
May 14, 2013	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
May 14, 2013	Planning & Zoning Commission General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
May 15, 2013	Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
May 20, 2013	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

- ** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS.**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting went into Executive Session at 9:05 and was reconvened back into Public Session at 9:25 p.m. There was no action taken.

Adjournment

- ** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox
Telesco Secretarial Services