

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2013**

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

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

REPORT ON GORHAM'S POND/UPPER POND REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Lundeen distributed and highlighted his written report dated June 17, 2013.

Ms. Stevenson thanked Mr. Lundeen and Mr. Kilduff for their outstanding work.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Stevenson reviewed her written report as follows:

- Congratulations to the DHS Class of 2013 – over 97% of the students are going on to post-secondary education.
- Thank you John and Jerry for attending the Flag Day celebration on Friday evening.
- Pedestrian warning signs have been installed on Route 106. The southbound sign will be moved to a better location shortly. Street lighting is to be installed this or next week, weather permitting.
- Third year of by-appointment big trash pick- up is complete. 126 residents scheduled appointments this year.
- May numbers are in from the transfer station and Single Stream is beginning to have a significantly positive impact. 310 tons of SSR this May vs. 151 tons last May. Kudos to the TSAC again for their outstanding work.
- Special recognition and thanks to Connie Melvin who is stepping down after 23 years on Darien Environmental Group. The town is better for all

of Connie's efforts particularly in educating our children about the importance of recycling.

- 6/4 - meeting with Yankee Gas where they informed us of a state mandated gas main replacement program they are implementing. State-wide the project is to replace over 550 miles of gas main. In Darien, we have 8 miles. We have an opportunity to collaborate during the Intervale project while the streets are open, to accomplish some of Darien's needed replacement. The main replacements are necessary to maximize pressure for future expansion.
- 6/11 – John, Jerry and I were given a tour of The Heights. Phase 1 is complete. The project is well done. Scheduled completion is May 2014.
- 6/14 – met with DOT, MNRR, NY State Police, Darien Police and SWRPA to brainstorm on a better solution to the bridge strike problem we have on the Post Road railroad overpass. DOT is very supportive of making improvements and will get back to us with recommendations later this month. These frequent bridge strikes exacerbate already difficult traffic congestion along the Post Road and cause concern about the railroad infrastructure. The police are clearing a bridge strike as we speak.
- Wednesday evening, Representative Terry Wood is holding an End of Session Town Hall Meeting at the Darien Library at 7 p.m. to update us on the major pieces of legislation that were implemented this session.
- Shelter training is taking place this evening.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff reported that the evaluation for Fire Department apparatus will be delivered shortly. They are continuing to move forward on technology for the pay stations in the parking lots.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Derek Logan, Middlesex Middle School Neighborhood Association distributed and read a letter he sent to the Board of Selectmen last week, regarding the various deed restrictions on the Edgerton property. He said they strongly support an open dialogue for the Edgerton property.

Mr. Walter Casey, submitted two letters - one that was sent to the Town Attorney, Mr. Fox regarding an FOI request and the other to Ms. Stevenson regarding an FOI request.

Ms. Lucia Zachowski spoke about her concern for Gorham's Pond.

Mr. Nick Marco spoke about his concern for Gorham's Pond and said that the wildlife is decreasing because the waterline is too low.

Mr. Rich Wait spoke about his concern for public safety on Hoyt Street. He said that it appears that CL&P put lights on every pole and suggested that may be excessive.

Ms. Holly Schultz addressed the lighting plan and said that she is very concerned because it does not look any less than the previous proposal. She suggested removing lights from every other pole.

Mr. John Ametrina spoke about his concern for the lighting plan and said that the proposed fixtures will provide too much light. He suggested that the Town contact CL&P and ask them to install a few fixtures, so they could see how bright they are before running all of them

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss Potential Uses for Senior Center Site on Edgerton Road

Ms. Stevenson commented that the senior center will relocate this November. The disposition of the building must be immediate for public safety. The Board of Education does not want the property for any purpose. She said that innumerable studies were done on this property; they were all done prior to the Town leasing to the Cottage.

Ms. Stevenson said that a deed restriction exists on the land, but does not preclude future development of the site. She said that the Board will do whatever is the wish of the Town; they have a variety of viable uses for this land. There is a clear need for affordable housing. She said that many people would like to see a community pool and others athletic fields.

The Board discussed possible uses; Ms. Stevenson said that they can hold a public hearing on how the community feels the parcel should be used. Mr. Lundeen said that a public hearing would be useful but asked if this is the right stage. Ms. Stevenson said that she wants to avoid dialogue of "best uses" and wants a wise community use. She said that she strongly favors senior affordable housing, housing for developmentally disabled adults and open space. She said that she would have to be convinced about the need for the Town to build more athletic fields.

Mr. Byrne said that they have to be careful about what they do there. He said that part of town is changing dramatically and he would be concerned about over development.

He said that he is not comfortable that the Board of Education is not going to need the property. If they make a decision to build then it become irrevocable. Ms. Stevenson said that she would never regret building affordable housing on that land.

Mr. Nielsen said that holding a public hearing is a good idea. He said that the town is under a lot of pressure to provide affordable housing and he likes the concept.

Mr. Campbell said that the Town Attorney researched the deed restrictions. Mr. Byrne said that the deed restriction permits single family homes; there are 3 ½ acres of buildable property there. He said that they need to get the cost of demolition because the building is at the end of its useful life. Mr. Campbell said that they can get all of that information and then hold a public hearing.

b) Discuss Update on Pedestrian Improvements on Hoyt Street

Ms. Stevenson said that she was given incorrect information; CL&P is not installing LED fixtures. They are cut-off fixtures and the intention is that they are more directed into the roadway. She said that she wants the public to be reminded that short of sidewalks this is a promise that was made to the pedestrians.

c) Discuss and Take Action on Approval of the 6th Annual JR Forever Memorial Walk to be held on Sunday, October 5, 2013 at Pear Tree Point Beach

**** MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE 6TH ANNUAL JR FOREVER MEMORIAL WALK TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013 AT PEAR TREE POINT BEACH**

**** MR. BYRNE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

d) Discuss and Take Action on Approval of Seventh Amendment to Cellular Property Lease and Referral of Same to the RTM

Mr. Kilduff reviewed the item and said that this expands the current lease pad to support a generator for AT&T services. The Town will get approximately \$166.67 in additional monthly rent.

**** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO CELLULAR PROPERTY LEASE AND REFERRAL OF SAME TO THE RTM**

**** MR. BYRNE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

AGENDA REVIEW

Single Stream Recycling in the fall.
Advisory Commission updates.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following re-appointments:

**** MR. BYRNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RE-APPOINTMENTS:**

A.) CHERYL GREENE TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR A 4-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2017

B.) ALISON HUGHES TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR A 4-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2017

C.) MARIAN CASTELL TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR A 4-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2017

D.) RITA GADSDEN TO THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD FOR A 4-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2017

E.) ALAN ARMSTRONG TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2016

F.) MARIAN CASTELL AS TOWN HISTORIAN FOR A 2-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON MARCH 31, 2015

G.) JAMES CAMERON TO THE AREA NINE CABLE COUNCIL FOR A 2-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2015

H.) DAVID DEVER TO THE AREA NINE CABLE COUNCIL FOR A 2-YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2013 AND EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2015

**** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Special Meeting of June 3, 2013

- ** MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING AS PRESENTED**
- ** MR. BYRNE SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Regular Meeting of June 3, 2013

The following corrections were made to the minutes of June 3, 2013 regular meeting:

Page 2: Shelter Changes – Mr. McEwan reported that there is a bill that recently passed the State Legislature....

Page 3: He reported that they are in good shape versus budget. The budget came in at \$2,545,000. The Mather Center asbestos abatement is in process and should be done by next week....

Page 4: Mr. Walter Casey, 11 Webster Valley Road, Darien provided personalized FOIA letters...

Page 4: She spoke of the numerous times she has come to the Board to speak about the problems and added that she attended a workshop on biking and pedestrian projects on her own time in New Haven...

Page 4: She urged the Board to ...

Page 4: The First Selectman stated

Page 8: Correct spelling of Gorham's Pond and Kathy Larkins

- ** MR. BYRNE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2013 REGULAR MEETING AS AMENDED**
- ** MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- ** MR. BYRNE MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA**
- ** MR. NIELSEN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

RESOLVED:

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

From:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
10106011-82001	Travel	\$102.75	\$102.75

To:

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
1010611-81004	Overtime	\$102.75	\$102.75

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

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- June 18, 2013 Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- June 19, 2013 Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- June 24, 2013 RTM Special Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- June 25, 2013 Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.
- June 25, 2013 Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- July 8, 2013 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
- July 9, 2013 Joint Town Department Heads Meeting at **8:30 a.m.**

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO ADJOURN**
- ** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services