

**TOWN OF DARIEN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011**

**ATTENDANCE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman David Campbell; Jayme Stevenson;  
Gerald Nielsen, Jr.

**STAFF:** Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

**OTHERS:** Carol Wilder-Tamme, Darien Chamber of Commerce

**CALL TO ORDER**

1st Selectman Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**REPORT FROM CAROL WILDER-TAMME ON THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

Ms. Wilder-Tamme said the 2<sup>nd</sup> Restaurant Week was held during the holidays, with 20 restaurants participating. There is interest in having it twice a year now, once during February and then piggy-backed with the sidewalk sales in July. She mentioned that donations are down, and that makes it harder to keep the lighting fund going for the holiday lights. The Holiday Stroll took place recently, it was a great idea and moderately successful. It will be extended from three days to two weeks. The Indoor Sidewalk Sales were held recently, with 19 participants involved. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Darien "Going For Green" kicks off this Wednesday, with the theme of "Save Some Green". There is a large ad in the Darien Times on this. In addition, the high school graphics class will participate in a poster contest; the green team will write articles for the newspaper; the library will read green; and the restaurant liaison will work with the restaurants to eat and drink green.

Ms. Wilder-Tamme said the Beautification Clean-Up day will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. There are 25 non-profit groups and students that have volunteered to clean up around town. She said she is requesting permission for the Sidewalk Sales to be held in July, this year specifically the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> of July. The participating stores will sell outside for three days.

Ms. Wilder-Tamme said she conducted a survey, in conjunction with some questions that Ms. Terry Wood requested, with local merchants regarding the banning of plastic bags. She said Ms. Wood has the results of the survey. As part of the "Going Green for Darien" campaign, she said she asked them to use the "Bag, Recycle, Reuse" theme. She said the retailers were very much in favor of making the change-over, and some of them already have. They are using plastic bags which contain a recyclable plastic.

## FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Campbell said the beaches were used in the winter months for snow storage. The Public Works Department is in the process of cleaning up the snow and removing it. The Christmas trees are being picked up now by the Public Works Department. He said the Board of Selectmen has agreed to the new bulk pick-up program, which is different from the traditional pick-up program. He asked residents to not leave their items at the side of the road. Bulk waste pick-up will now be done by appointment only from April 5, 2011 through June 21, 2011 for residents, one time only during the calendar year. He said to go to the town website, [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov) and click on Citizens Work Request to make an appointment.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff said he has a status report that was compiled by SWRPA and the DOT on stimulus-funded projects that relate to rail stations. He said he is looking for direction from the Board on how to move forward on information received from the Tree Commission. Some comments have come in from insurance consultants and a lawyer that represents the Town's insurance carrier. He said he is awaiting a response from Mr. Fox.

Mr. Kilduff said the funding that was provided for dredging Gorham's Pond appears to be moving along in Hartford. He said they have to reprogram the grant dollars to something that is an achievable project with the smaller amount of money that was awarded.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss and Take Action to Ratify RTM Changes to Memorandum of Agreement Concerning Tax Abatement for Allen O'Neill Project Per the Request of the Town Attorney

Ms. Stevenson said that all of the suggested changes to the agreement are appropriate and fully vetted.

**\*\* MS. STEVENSON MOVED TO APPROVED THAT THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY RATIFIES THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT CONCERNING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE ALLEN O'NEILL PROJECT, AS MODIFIED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.**

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

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

- b) 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 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program

**\*\* MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 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 2009 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS, THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, ACTING THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY (DEHMS), IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2009 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM; AND**

**WHEREAS, THE TOWN OF DARIEN IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE FEDERAL FUNDS MADE THROUGH DEHMS REGION 1; 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.**

**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 MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH IT DEEMS TO BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE; AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT DAVID M. CAMPBELL, 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 HE 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.**

**\*\* MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**

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

- c) Discuss and Take Action on Granting Permission to the Darien Chamber of Commerce to Hold Darien Sidewalk Sale & Family Fun Days from July 14, 2011 through July 16, 2011

Ms. Stevenson asked about the non-registered businesses selling outside during the sidewalk sales in July. Mr. Kilduff said the Chamber of Commerce provides the insurance for members. The non-members are not insured. The Town regulates the right-of-way, not the Chamber of Commerce.

**\*\* MS. STEVENSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN HEREBY GRANTS PERMISSION TO THE DARIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD DARIEN SIDEWALK SALE & FAMILY FUN DAYS FROM JULY 14 THROUGH JULY 16, 2011, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DARIEN POLICE AND PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENTS.**

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

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

- d) Discuss and Take Action on Granting Permission to the ITP Foundation to Hold the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ITPMAN Triathlon and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ITPKIDS Duathlon on September 24, 2011

It was decided to table this until more information can be obtained on the status and timing of the Weed Beach renovation project.

- 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>
10107661-81003	Seasonal & Temp	\$ 3,150
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,150</b>

**To:**

<u>Acct. No</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10107661-82007	Professional Services	\$ 750
10107661-82026	Facilities Rental	\$ 500
10107661-83008	Food	\$ 500

10107661-82003	Program Expenses	\$ 1,400
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,150</b>

- \*\* MS. STEVENSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$3,150 FROM THE SEASONAL & TEMP ACCOUNT (10107661-81003) TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT (10107661-82007) FOR \$750; FACILITIES RENTAL ACCOUNT (10107661-82026) FOR \$500; THE FOOD ACCOUNT (10107661-83008) FOR \$500; AND THE PROGRAM EXPENSES ACCOUNT (10107661-82003) FOR \$1,400.**
- \*\* MR. NIELSEN SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UANIMOUSLY.**

**Public Works**

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>
10407011-82053	Potable Water	\$ 1,300
10407011-82051	Electricity	\$ 3,400
10407011-82054	Sewer expense	\$ 300
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,600</b>

**To:**

<u>Acct. No</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10407011-82041	Fac Repair & Maint.	\$ 5,600
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,600</b>

- \*\* MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$5,600 (TOTAL) FROM THE POTABLE WATER ACCOUNT (10407011-82053) FOR \$1,300; THE ELECTRICITY ACCOUNT (10407011-82051) FOR \$3,400; AND THE SEWER EXPENSE ACCOUNT (10407011-82054) FOR \$300 TO THE FAC REPAIR & MAINT ACCOUNT (10407011-82041).**
- \*\* MS. STEVENSON SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Stevenson mentioned that the transfers highlight the need to make decisions on a timely basis to determine the future of facilities.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Campbell said the Advisory Tree Commission will be on the next meeting agenda. Ms. Stevenson asked if the Darien Nature Center's lease can be discussed at a

future meeting. Mr. Nielsen asked if the Weed Beach Building Committee could give an update on the renovation project at a future meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Regular Meeting of February 28, 2011

Special Meeting of March 7, 2011

Approval of the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2011 and the Special Meeting of March 7, 2011 was tabled until the next meeting.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

March 15, 2011	Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
March 16, 2011	Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
March 21, 2011	RTM Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
March 22, 2011	Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.
March 22, 2011	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
March 28, 2011	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
April 5, 2011	Board of Finance Budget Meeting with BOS at 7:30 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

(Any items added to the agenda require a two-thirds vote)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. NIELSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr  
Telesco Secretarial Services

